

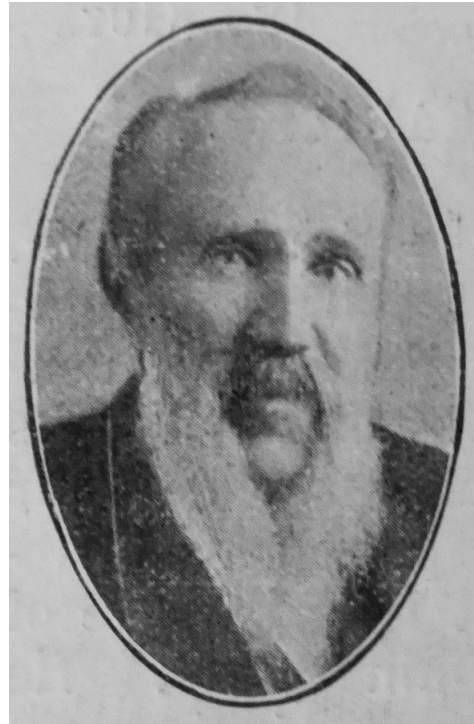
George Hubbard Kidd

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Another link with the heroic past of our beloved church was snapped by the passing to the homeland in triumph and peace of George H. Kidd, at Theale, Berks, on Sunday, January 12th, at the ripe age of seventy-eight years.

In many important capacities he had for nearly sixty years loyally and faithfully served his God and church as local preacher, circuit steward and society steward in varied spheres; often as a delegate to the District Meeting, and once as delegate to Conference. He gave unstintedly of his time and money for the furtherance of religious and progressive causes, specially for the local upbuilding of our church. His was no narrow parochial mind; he took a deep interest in politics and was an ardent Liberal; he took his share of the duties of citizenship and served on local councils.

His Nonconformity was of the sturdy, militant type, but even the rector respected him and visited him during his life at Theale.



Mr. Kidd's nature was very genial and sunny, if somewhat hasty. His faith and preaching were evangelical and "old-fashioned," but he was greatly sympathetic and attractive to the young. He was regarded as the "grand old man" of the circuit. Many expressions witnessing to his strong personality could be recorded if space allowed. He was converted in early youth under a sermon by Rev. E. Rust.

He was twice married. First whilst at Ramsgate to Miss Margaret Bellham, a daughter of Rev. W.G. Bellham. She was an ideal wife, a beautiful and saintly woman, who greatly stimulated her husband to heroic and sacrificing work in missioning the villages and helping our then infant church.

After her death Mr. Kidd remained a widower many years until the marriage of his daughter Bessie to the Rev. J. W. Grayson; she and Mrs. Cox, of London, are the only surviving children.

His second marriage was with Miss Mockett, of Margate, and was very felicitous, she, by her tender devotion, her generous co-operation and hospitality, making his last years among his happiest and most serene.

A crowded memorial service was conducted in our Theale Chapel by the Rev. E. Millichamp.

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