

## **Rev. Harold Wright**

### **Transcription of obituary published in the Minutes of Conference**

HAROLD WRIGHT: born in Beighton near Acle, Norfolk, on 10th June 1887. He came of farming stock and grew up in the vigorous Primitive Methodism of rural Norfolk. In 1912 he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry and was sent to Hartley College in Manchester to face the daunting curriculum of those days, which included compulsory Greek and Hebrew. By hard work he went a long way towards making up for his having left a local school at the age of fourteen. He served his probation in the Thetford Circuit and in 1918 married Thirza Payne, a member of the Wisbech Primitive Methodist Circuit and a day-school teacher. He then served in the following circuits: Briston, Pocklington, Whitehaven, Nottingham IV, Clayton West, Sheffield (Petre Street), Sheffield (North-East), Ripley (Nottingham Road), Doncaster (Spring Gardens), Retford (Carolgate), and Sudbury.

He retired to Norwich in 1953. He exercised a conscientious ministry, mainly in country circuits. He was a quiet and sincere minister and loved his home. His interest in psychology enabled him to help many in need of special pastoral care. He was a keen advocate of the Christian Endeavour Movement. He preached faithfully over a period of some 60 years and took his last service at the age of 85 when, unprepared, he occupied the pulpit of a little chapel in Kent when the preacher appointed failed to arrive. Gardening and bowls were his special hobbies and television maintained his interest in cricket and tennis almost to the end. His wife died in 1952. He left a son, two married daughters and very many friends especially in the Norfolk area. He died on 9th October 1976 in the ninetieth year of his age and the sixty-third year of his ministry.

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#### References

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