

Thomas Hignell

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The name of Thomas Hignell richly deserves a place on the roll of honour of our Church worthies. For sixty years he was a consistent and loyal member of our Church, and for nearly as long a time a local preacher. Except for a residence of three years elsewhere, these years of membership were with our Fairford Society in the Faringdon Circuit.

The locality has never been favourable to the spirit or work of Primitive Methodism, but Thomas Hignell has never despaired or forsaken the little flock. His sunny optimism has heartened minister and officials. In the times of persecution he suffered much for conscience's sake, even dismissal from employment and the spoiling of his goods; but no man was more respected, alike by friends and opponents, rich and poor.

The Liberal cause and the Agricultural Labourers' Union found in him a stalwart supporter. His transparent honesty and lovable disposition won him universal respect. He loved the Church and gave himself and his substance in delightful generosity, and out of a labourer's income at times giving all that he had.

He died peacefully on November 24th, 1915, a life well lived and nobly completed.

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