

DENNIS KENDALL

Dennis as born in Ashby, Lincolnshire in 1824

Dennis became a Primitive Methodist minister in 1847

He married Matilda Green in Dec 1852. They later had two children Fanny and Madelina.

He came to Maidenhead in 1859 where he inaugurated the occupation of the Primitive Methodist occupation of the Bridge Street, recently vacated by the Wesleyan church.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS

The chapel in Bridge St., lately occupied by the Wesleyans, has been taken by the Primitives, and at Sunday last two opening services were preached in the above place, by the Rev. D. Kendall, of London.

On Monday, a tea meeting connected with the opening took place, at which upwards of 100 sat down.

At 6 o'clock in the evening a public meeting was held. It was announced the chair would be taken by J. Higgs, Esq., but in consequence of the indisposition of that gentleman, the chair was taken by Mr. R. Walter. During the evening, speeches were made by the Revs. Kendall and Macfarlane. Messrs. Walker, Woodbridge, Hewett, &c. and this meeting broke up about 10 o'clock.

5 November 1859

His relationships with the Maidenhead Wesleyans were cordial and well received.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

A lecture in connection with the Temperance cause was delivered in the Wesleyan School Room by the Rev. D. Kendall, on Wednesday evening last, subject: "The injurious effects of little drops." J-Higgs, Esq., presided.

The lecturer was frequently applauded, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was presented to the rev. gentleman for his able and eloquent oration

31 May 1862

Dennis moved to Caterbury where his work was greatly appreciated in 1863

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL - CHARLTON

On Sunday last three sermons on the occasion of opening a sabbath schoolroom connected with this chapel were preached by the Rev. D. Kendall, of Canterbury, each of which were delivered in a most devout, sublime, and able manner and were of a character tending to result in great spiritual good.. Each service was well attended.

On Monday evening a tea meeting was held in the schoolroom and was also well attended. Tea was likewise provided for the children, numbering about 60. . Afterwards a public meeting was held in the chapel, Rowland Rees, Esq., occupying the chair. Most touching and interesting addresses were delivered by the Revs D Kendall, D Day, R Ayres, D. Dowson, and J. Blades, on the importance of encouraging and increasing the efforts in behalf of such institutions.

The appeals in aid of the fund for defraying the expenses in forming and completing the schoolroom were heartily responded to, the receipts far exceeding anticipation. Several hymns were sung by the children during each service, and also at the meeting.

Resolutions were adopted expressive of thanks to the respected chairman for the christian zeal and ardour exhibited by him on behalf of the cause; to the Rev, D. Kendall for the faithful and zealous interest he had taken and his great kindness in coming from Canterbury; to Mr. Nightingale (the superintendent) and the teachers for the very satisfactory manner in which he and they had instructed the children in the singing; likewise to the ladies for the kind interest they had taken in preparing the tea. The congregation and the meeting expressed much pleasure and surprise at the perfect and regular manner in which the children executed the singing
(Dover Express 31 January 1863)

STURMINSTER NEWTON. PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL

The first series of anniversary services in this newly-erected building were celebrated on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday last.

On the Sabbath, three very powerful sermons were preached by the Rev. D. Kendall, of Weymouth. The congregations were good, and very attentive.

On Monday evening, a lecture was given by the same gentleman, entitled "John Bunyan, the Bedfordshire Tinker, and Christian Hero' The attendance was small on account of the heavy rain that fell during the afternoon. The lecture was interesting.

On the Tuesday afternoon, another sermon was preached by the Rev. D. Kendall. This was followed by a public tea meeting, held in the Temperance Hall, where between 80 and 90 persons partook of the good things provided.

After tea, a public meeting was held in the chapel, when Mr. John Best (circuit steward), efficiently presided. Several animating addresses were delivered by the following gentlemen :—Rev. R. Evans, Rev. J Runalls, Mr. H. Brown, Rev. D. Kendall, and Rev. E. Hancock.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the choir, and to all parties who had taken part in making the arrangements. The collections were of a favourable character, and subscriptions were received from various friends.
(Western Gazette September 29 1871)

Dennis belonged to a wide family of Ministers of the gospel as was shown at the funeral of Rev Charles Kendall, President of the Primitive Methodist Conference on Friday 12th May 1882 in Hull.

Wider family members present included:

Rev H B Kendall B.A. (Middlesborough);

Rev D Kendall (Alford);

Rev H Kendall Congregational minister (Darlington)

Dennis and his wife retired to High Wycombe, where Dennis served the Primitive methodist church very early in his career and in his final active minsirty.

DEATH OF THE REV D KENDALL

Much regret has been caused in the town and district by the death, which took place on Friday September 11th, at the age of 72, of the Rev Dennis Kendall, superannuated Primitive Methodist minister.

The deceased was twice appointed to the High Wycombe circuit, and was superannuated towrds the end of the second term, about six years ago. He has resided in High Wycombe since his retirement and was very highly esteemed and respected.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, amid many manifestations of regret and sympathy for the relatives. A funeral service was conducted by the Rev Charles Jupe, superintendant minister, in White Hart-street schoolroom, the choir being in attendance, and the Rev W E Crombie (representing the London Second District Committee) gave a suitable address.

There was a very large concourse at the graveside including the Mayor of Wycombe Mr J Busby.

Matilda Kendall survived Dennis by a few years and died in High Wycombe on 5th March 1895