Thomas Bealey Jefferies

Thomas Bealey Jefferies was born in Wellington, Somerset in 1850 the son of Rev Thomas Jefferies a Wesleyan Minister. He was educated at several schools as his father moved stations and in 1861 lived at 4 Oxborne Terrace Clewer his father being Superintendant Minister in Windsor. His father later moved to Kingston where Thomas's preaching ability was in evidence:

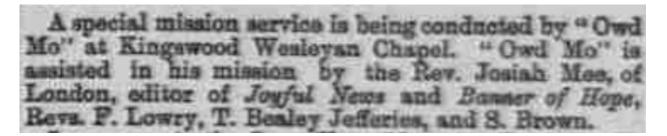
> Young MEN'S CHRISTIAN Association. — Next Wednesday evening an address will be given in the Temperance Lyceum, Brick-lane, by Mr. T. B. Jefferies, son of the Rev. T. Jefferies, Wesleyan minister, of this town.

He followed his father into the Wesleyan Ministry in 1871 and immediately came to Maidenhead for just one year.

Following the normal pattern of changing station every three years, he later married Miriam Tuddingham in Huntingdon in 1883 and together they had two children Louisa and Thomas. He appears to have been quite strong minded as, while at Kingswood, Bristol having a small family to support, he is recorded in the Methodist Newspaper for April 9th 1884 as saying:

"As no house is provided for a second married minister, the Rev. T. B. Jefferies had previously intimated to the stewards the necessity of his removing at the ensuing Conference" (!)

However the following January before he left Kingswood, he assisted "OWD MO" (Mr Moses Welsby a popular and noted converted collier) in one of his many Campaigns:



His son, Thomas Gordon Jefferies, enliisted in WW1

Mr. T. Gordon Jefferies, an engineer of the Victoria Falls Power Co., Johannesburg, son of the Rev. T. Bealey Jefferies, superintendent minister of the Manningtree Wesleyan Circuit, has joined the South African Mounted Eiffes for the period of the war.

and was later enlisted into the Royal Flying Corps;

"Royal Flying Corps Lt. T. G. Jefferies, B.F.A., Spec. Bes., with seniority from 24th Jan. 1917" (London Gazette).

He died following a fall in 1918, aged 68

DEATH OF THE REV. T. B. JEFFERIES. Rev. T. B. Jefferies, Superintendent The inister of the Harwich Weslevan arc formerly of Manningtree, died at the Hospital, Harwich, on Wed needn LATY hree months ago the rev. gentlem an entering his home and broke while He was an exceptionally able mit thigh. and preacher, and was Chaplain to Harwich Circuit for Wesle in the TUCK Presbyterians nna