

CHARLES EDWARD DOVE

Charles Edward Dove was born in Wragby Lincolnshire, in 1853 and entered the ministry in 1878. He married Francis Annie Maddison in Durham in September 1884. Charles and Francis had three boys: Charles Kingsley born in September 1886; Edward Maddison born 1896; Sidney Ernest born 1889. The boys all went to the Wesleyan Kingswood School nr Bath. All three of the boys were commissioned during WW1 but sadly two of the boys were killed: - Ernest on 16th August 1916 and Edward on 23 March 1918. So Charles and his wife came to Maidenhead with considerable family sorrow in August 1923.

Slough Wesleyan Church.

**Harvest Festival and
Thanksgiving SERVICES**

will be held on
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st,
at 11 and 6.30

PREACHERS—

Rev. C. E. DOVE
of Maidenhead, and

Rev. J. H. WEIR
of Windsor.

Musical Service following at 7.45

On Monday at 7.30 p.m., Lecture on
John Ploughman by Rev. C. E. Dove.

Church open on Saturday to receive Gifts, etc.,
at 3 p.m.

Other newspaper records are hard to find. However during Charles's early years he would speak on several occasions on the topic of "Manliness" viz:

"On Thursday evening the Rev C.E. Dove, Wesleyan Methodist Minister, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture in the Hall of the Working Mens' Institute on "Manliness". The Mayor (Mr F Pentling) presided and there was a good attendance. Mr Dove dealt with his subject in a most comprehensive manner and gained hearty applause at the finish by reciting Macaulay's "The keeping of the Bridge" which descriptive of the attack on the City of Rome by the Tarquins under Lars Porsena. Votes of thanks were accorded to the lecturer for his admirable address" (Wisbech January 1885)

"On Easter Monday the annual tea in connection with the Wesleyan Chapel was held in the Corn Exchange and proved a great success. It is estimated between 300 and 400 sat down to a substantial tea amongst whom were between 70 to 80 poor widows and widowers who, by the liberality of friends of all Denominations, were admitted free. It is a hopeful sign for the future of this town when, as in this instance, all sections of Christians can join together in a spirit of unity and goodwill. At 7.30, under the able presidency of T Cockshell Esq of Peterborough, the Rev C.E. Dove gave a highly intellectual and telling lecture on "Manliness" richly deserving the enthusiastic approbation accorded to him".

(Long Sutton April 1885)

The same lecture was repeated at Hugglescote (Leicestershire) in March 1891

