

GEORGE ELLIS

(Very little informatuion has been found about George's early or ministerial life)

He was born in Penzance in 1857, becoming a probationary Primitive minister in 1889:

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION

Bristol District Meeting at Exmouth

The delegates of the Bristol District of the Primitive Methodist Connexion, who are holding their district meetings in Exmouth, assembled in the Parade Chapel of that town on Sunday morning.

A prayer meeting was held at six o'clock, and a service at seven, when the preacher was the Rev G Ellis, Penzance, who delivered his trial sermon prior to his admission to the full ministry.

It was unanimaously resolved to recommend the Rev G Ellis, of Penzance, to conference for acceptance as a minister of the church.

(Western Times 2 May 1893)

During his time in Pocklington, he was an active member of the Passive Resistance movement:-

POCKLINGTON. - NINE DISTRESS WARRANTS

At Pocklington on Saturday, Robert Todd, a member of the Urban District Council of Pocklington, was summoned for non-payment of part of the poor-rate (which was the education-rate) amounting to 15s 3d.—Defendant refused on religious and conscientious grounds, but was told by the chairman that he would not be heard on those grounds. They must administer the Act. Defendant still refusing to pay, a distress warrant was ordered to be issued, with costs 4s 6d.....

..... Warrants were also issued against the Rev G. Ellis, Primitive Methodist minister, for non-payment of 3s, and Henry Morris, grocer, Pocklington, for refusing to pay 2s 9d.

(Hull Daily Mail - Monday 06 July 1903)

Nevertheless he had his wits about him !

DISTRAINT AT POCKLINGTON

The goods of the passive resisters at Pocklington, upon whom distress warrants were issued on Saturday, were seized yesterday. The bellman paraded the streets, and notified that seizures were taking place.

The Rev G. Ellis, superintendent Primitive Methodist minister, had sent all his furniture to his new circuit, and the bailiffs found nothing for distraint.

(Hull Daily Mail - Tuesday 07 July 1903)

George spent a few years ministry at Asfordby, near Melton Mowbray

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY (ASFORDBY)

The Rev E Ball was the special preacher at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, and on Wednesday evening the annual missionary meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. John Toon.

The Rev, E. Ball gave the report for the past year, from which it appeared that the work of the Society was hampered. inasmuch as the expenditure exceeded the income by some £2,000. The speaker said the income averaged only 2s. per year per member ; and, considering the large number of very generous donations which were given for the work, he thought the percentage was very small indeed. But it was proved that it was the poorest people who were the most generous. and this also applied to circuits. The Oakham circuit, which was regarded as very weak, raised more money for mission work than any circuit in the district.

The Rev. G. Ellis. of Sileby (the deputation) spoke on the work of the Society in Western Africa. one feature being that all the members were total abstainers. The speaker mentioned that at Sileby all the preachers on the plan were total abstainers. and they had made it a rule now that none but total abstainers should be allowed to preach. He had noticed a feature in the report respecting Asfordby which was especially gratifying to himself, namely, the great similarity in the amount of the contributions. showing that they had a systematic method of giving.

There was a good number present, and a collection was made, this, and those taken on Sunday. being for Home and Foreign Mission funds.

(Grantham Journal 19 Nov 1904)

George later spent a year in Hay on Wye immediately before coming to Maidenhead in 1915 for two years.

He died in Weston super Mare in March 1938