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DEATH OF MR. C. H. GOLLINS

WELL-KNOWN NORTH SHROPSHIRE PERSONALITY

BY the death of Mr. Charles Henry Gollins, which occurred on Monday at his home and birthplace, Longley, Ellerdine, Methodism has lost one of its most stalwart supporters, for he was known for his work for the Methodist cause over a very wide area,

A member of a prominent Methodist family, Mr. Gollins was born in 1860, and was the son of the late Mr and Mrs. Wm. Gollins, of Longley. Throughout his 77 years Mr. Gollins continued to serve this cause.



As a boy he was educated at the Primitive Methodist day school, Ellerdine, but finished his schooldays at Hodnet School. On leaving school, Mr. Gollins was apprenticed to the grocery and tailoring with Messrs. Pace, Hodnet, and from there he went to Messrs. Maddox, Shrewsbury, where he remained for a number of years, and then had a further four years in London, part of which he spent in the drapery trade.

Successful Farmer

It was then that Mr. Gollins began his career as a farmer, which pursuit he followed very successfully for 40 years, only retiring in 1931. His first and only farm was The Hazels, Shawbury, where he succeeded his uncle, Mr. James Hamer, and he stayed there up to his retirement, when he returned to his birthplace at Longley.

For very many years Mr. Gollins had been a member of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, and had attended many of their most famous shows.

In 1889 he married Miss Alice Allwood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Allwood, of Fauls, Whitchurch, who together with five sons and two daughters, survive him.

Fine Work for Methodism

His entry into Methodism was through the chapel at Ellerdine, and in 1881 he preached his trial sermons at Hanwood before going on to full plan of the Shrewsbury district. As a local preacher of 56 years' experience he rendered immeasurable service to his church. For over 40 years Mr. Gollins had been intimately connected with the Methodist Chapel at Moreton Mill, and had done much good work there. A short time ago one of his dearest wishes was realised in the building of a vestry at Moreton Mill, towards which he gave generously, and also assisted in other ways. His family are also staunch supporters of the church, his son, Mr. George Gollins, being organist, and his daughter a class leader. One son is a successful member of the ministry, and two others are local preachers.

There are few offices in Methodism which Mr. Gollins had not occupied, and at the time of his death after a long illness, he was trustee for the chapels at Ellerdine, Moreton Mill and Waters Upton. He did excellent work for the Aged Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Fund, of which he was secretary the major portion of his life. For four years he was a member of the Local Preachers' Committee, from which he was due to resign this year.

On the re-organisation of the districts of Birmingham and Shrewsbury and the formation of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District, he was in 1934 the first chairman and in addition was secretary of the local preachers of the Wellington Circuit.

Public Work

He was also well known for his public work. For many years he had been a member of the Stanton Parish Council and of the Wem Rural District Council. From 1932 to 1934 he was vice-chairman of this body, and then became chairman, which position he occupied for two years, and was also a member of the Bench as a magistrate. In 1936 he was the recipient of the King George V.'s Jubilee Medal.

Mr. Gollins was a member of the old Board of Guardians for Wem, a member of the Poor-law assistance committee, and of the assessment committee. He had been one of the Stanton school managers for a long time, and his generosity will be much missed, as on many occasions he provided the scholars with their Christmas party as well as assisting many needy cases.

He was a prime mover in the local work, which lasted some eight years, towards the provision of a railway siding at Ellerdine, and his enthusiasm and voluntary labours did much towards the provision of this addition to the transport facilities of the district.

In agricultural circles Mr. Gollins was recognised as an authority and as an excellent practical farmer, and he will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends.

The Funeral

A large company attended the funeral yesterday (Friday), when before the interment at Stanton, a choral service was held at the Methodist Church, Ellerdine, officiating ministers being the Rev. T. Grant Tylor (superintendent of the Wellington Methodist Circuit), assisted by the Rev. C. B. Newill (Hadley) and Pastor W. S. Sagar.

The family mourners were — The Rev. Wm. Gollins and Messrs. G. and Jim Gollins (sons); Mr. and Mrs. John Gollins and Mr. and Mrs. T. Gollins (sons and daughters-in-law); Miss M. Gollins and Miss A. Gollins (daughters); Miss J. Gollins (sister); Miss Bertha Allwood (sister-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law); the Misses Robinson (nieces); Mr. W. J. Dutton and Mr. F. Dutton (cousins).

Amongst those present were— Rev. W. J. Ward (chairman of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Methodist District), the Rev. Elliott (Dawley); the Rev. Morgan Ridge (Shrewsbury), Mr. T. Jones (Dawley), Mr. R. Holland (Messrs. Barber and Son, Wellington), Mr. G. H. Espley, Mr. Algernon Pearce, Mr. J. Cliff, Mr. W. Evason, Mr. J. Crowder (Rodington), Mr. J. Woolley (Rowton), Mr. J. Banks (Rowton), Mr. E. Edgerton (Moreton Mill), Mr. and Mrs. E. Evans (Moreton Mill), Mr. H. A. Mulliner, Mr. J. W. Evans and Miss Evans (Edgbolton), Mr. Fred Pearce, Mr. Glassey (Pool House), Mr. W. J. Maddox (Cold Hatton), Mr. J. A. Williams (Ellerdine), Mr. J. Barnett (Ellerdine), Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bray (Shrewsbury), Mrs. Cooper (Muckleton), Mr. T. Hockenhull (Prees), Mr. T. Teece Mr. J. Evans (Wellington), Mr. Davies (Victoria Avenue, Wellington), Mr. Leech, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Beech (Wolverhampton), Mr. W. P. Taylor (Windyoak), Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths (Sowbach), Mr. L. Lewis, Mr. J. W. Evans (chairman of Wem R.D.C.), Mr. M. Adams (vice-chairman), Mr. G. Dytor (representing Wem Methodist Circuit), Messrs. R. Smith, R. Cank, W. Owen, T. Hockenhull (Wem R.D.C.), Captain Lamb (Surveyor to the Wem Rural Council), Mr. E. Beech, Mr. A. G. Eccleston (clerk to Wem R.D.C), Mr. Piercy Cartwright, Whitchurch (an old colleague on Wem R.D.C. and Drayton Guardians Committee), Mr. S. Leighton (Stanton), Mrs. Pym (Moss Farm), Mr. J. Ash (Stanton), Mr. R. Evans (Salop County Council and Drayton Guardians Committee), Mrs. R. Evans, Mr. E. Leach, Mr. R. Foulkes (Shawbury), Mr. H. David (Stanton), Mr. W. P. Edwards (Harcourt Park), Mr. and Mrs. L. Bone (Market Drayton), Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huntbach (Stoke Park), Mr. W. H. Powell (Booley Farm), Mrs. Kynaston (The Hazels), Mrs. Egerton and Mrs.T.Vaughan (Butler's Bank), Mrs. Chidlow (Stanton), Mr. Evan Griffiths (High Hatton), Mrs. J. Woodcock and Mr. W. T. Jeffreys (Stanton), Mrs. L. Jones (Harcourt), Messrs. R. Thomas, G. Hill, W. Moore; Messrs. W. Farrall, W. Evans, E. James and J. Jones (representing staff at The Hazels); Miss Rogers (Butlers Bank), Rev. G. E. Cope (Stanton), Mr. A. Shotton (Stanton), Mrs. Hanson (Edgbolton), Mr. T. Ridgway (Shawbury), Mr. J. Hobson (Muckleton), and Mr. F. G. Groom (Prees).