



# *Obituary*

## *James Holliday*

### *of Bishopstone, 1887*

On Tuesday afternoon in last week the remains of James **Holliday**, were interred in the parish churchyard, Bishopstone, the first of the kind here under the rites of the new burials act, by the Rev. G. Fowler, of Faringdon, circuit minister of the Primitive Methodist Connection. Rather a keen interest was attached to the proceedings. However, everything was carried out with a most friendly and Christian spirit amongst the denominations. It was the express wish of the deceased for some time past to be buried in his last resting place by the above rev. gentleman, whom he had been in close contact with for a large number of years.

The funeral which was to take place at three o'clock, was rather late, in consequence of the extreme inclemency of the weather. Notwithstanding the heavy fall of snow, a large number of deceased's friends. And members of the congregation, turned out to follow deceased to his last resting place. He was carried to the grave by six of his brother local preachers.

The first part of the burial service took place at the new Primitive Methodist Chapel, commencing with hymn 797, and part of the service gone through and prayer offered. The remainder portion of the service took place at the grave, and hymn 798 sang. After this Mr. Fowler gave a most eloquent and impressive address, touching upon deceased, and the noble life he had lived in Christ for many years past, and the great pleasure it gave him and other friends to visit him on his sick bed. He (the rev. gentleman) never remembered burying anyone before where he had more satisfaction of saying "Of a sure and certain hope" than he had of that dear brother. After hearty prayer, the funeral service was brought to a close. The thanks of all present was accorded to Mr. Thomas Arrowsmith for removing a large quantity of snow from the mill to the grave, which had fell previous to the time fixed for the funeral, also to the clerk, Mr. Bowsher, for his efforts in carrying everything out in such a satisfactory manner.

The second dissenting funeral will take place at Bishopstone this day (Saturday), when the deceased **child of Mr. Charles Hunt** will be buried, the Rev. G. Fowler, of Faringdon, being the officiating minister.

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