



St. Giles Church, Great Wishford

Death of the Rector

Funeral Yesterday

We deeply regret to announce the death of the Rev. Edward Hill, the esteemed rector of St. Giles, Great Wishford, which took place at an early hour on Saturday, after a very brief illness; in fact, the reverend gentleman officiated in church on the previous Sunday, and was in Salisbury a few days before. The deceased was educated at St. Edmund's hall, Oxford, and graduated for his B.A. in 1839 and M.A. in 1842. He was ordained deacon in 1841 and priest in 1842 by the Bishop of Oxford, being licensed to the curacy of Britwell Salome, Oxfordshire, from 1842-45, removing to Charlton in Donhead, 1847-63, was rector of Little Langford from 1863-71, and had been rector of Wishford from 1871. Deceased was in his 78th year. He was, from 1872, the chairman of the Salisbury Branch of the English Church Union, an office which he held up to the last three or four years, and which is at present filled by his nephew, the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, vicar of Downton. He was until recent years a member of the Court of Governors of the Salisbury Infirmary. Some of the earliest "Retreats" for clergy were held at his rectory of Little Langford, and the late Bishop Hamilton, of Salisbury, visited it for several years in succession whilst Mr. Hill was there, and in his writings often referred to those visits. Mr. Hill was a man of considerable learning, being widely read. He was very much looked up to by his fellow clergymen, as one who led a quiet, unostentatious and saintly life.

The funeral took place yesterday amidst general manifestations of regret by the parishioners and others. The choir and clergy robed in the schoolroom and marched in procession to the church. The service commenced by the singing of the hymn, "Now The Labourer's Task Is O'er." Psalm xc being alternately recited by the Rev. F. W. Macdonald and the congregation. The usual lesson was read by the Rev. J. Downie, the curate of the parish. The hymn, "The Saints On Earth In Concert Sing," concluded the service in the church.

The clergy and mourners then left the church, followed by the bearers with the coffin, which was covered by a handsome violet and white pall, the late rector's hat, hood and surplice being placed on the prayer desk. Archdeacon Buchanan conducted the remainder of the service, assisted by the Rev. Sub-Dean Bourne and the Rev. J. Downie. The coffin was of polished oak with brass furniture. On the top was a massive brass cross and a plate with the following inscription:

EDWARD HILL, Priest,
Born, June 8th, 1817,
Fell asleep, February 2nd, 1895.

The mourners were: Rev. Edward Hill (son), and Mrs. Hill, Bitterne, Southampton; Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill (nephew) and Mrs. Hill, Downton; Miss Ballachey (niece); Rev. S. Hill (nephew), Maesteg, South Wales; Mrs. G. Hill and Miss H. Hill, Downton; Mr. E. Browne (nephew), and Mrs. Shaw (niece) of Tiverton; Rev. S. W. P. Webb, Ashwell, Hertfordshire; Mr. H. Griffith, Mr. C. E. Straton, Wilton; Mr. G. Smith, Salisbury, and the members of the household.

The clergy present were: The Rev. Dr. Bourne (sub-dean), of Salisbury; Rev. Archdeacon Buchanan, Poulshot; the Hon. and Rev. Canon Sidney Mead, Bradford-on-Avon; Rev. F. W. Macdonald (rural dean), Stapleford; Rev. Gordon Bond, South Newton; Rev. H. G. Rogers, rector of Stockton; Rev. R. Zouche Walker, Boyton; Rev. R. G. Bartlett, Shrewton; Rev. J. E. Prothero, Orcheston St. Mary; Rev. H. V. Thompson; Rev. Douglas Maclean, Codford St. Mary; Rev. A. C. Taylor (Locum tenens) Shrewton;

Others present included Mr. W. Flower and Mr. H. Lever (churchwardens), Mr. H. Andrews, Mr. Buchanan, Salisbury; Mr. W. May, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. A. Scott, ...

The undertakers were Messrs Mundy and Lever, of Wishford, who satisfactorily carried out the arrangements.

The living is in the gift of the Earl of Pembroke and is of the net value of £386 per annum.

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