



Property in the Close, Salisbury

Death of Canon W. H. Kewly

The death occurred at his residence, 26 The Close, Salisbury, on Saturday in his 94th year, of Canon Walter Hercules Kewley.

Ordained deacon in 1879 he had served over 70 years in Holy Orders, 63 of which he had spent in the Salisbury Diocese. His first appointment was as curate of Headington, Oxford, and while there he was ordained priest.

In 1882 he became chaplain of Magdalen College, Oxford, holding the position until 1886. At the same time he was vicar of Oakley, Bucks. In 1886 he came to Wiltshire as rector of Fittleton where he remained for 25 years, leaving in 1911 to become vicar of Potterne, where he remained for 24 years, leaving for Salisbury in 1935.

Canon Kewley was acting chaplain, Salisbury Plain in 1900, and was Rural Dean of Enford from 1896 to 1911. He was organising secretary of the SPG for Wiltshire from 1907 to 1913. He was appointed a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral in 1925, and was installed in the stall of the Prebend of Monor Pars Altaris. He shared with the Ven. P. J. Dale, Archdeacon of Sarum, the distinction of being the third oldest Canon of the Cathedral, Canon Hutchings had been installed in 1917 and the Ven. J. W. Coulter, Archdeacon of Wilts in 1920.

While acting as chaplain to the troops on Salisbury Plain, Canon Kewley welcomed many of the men returning from the South African War and lived in a bell tent at Bulford for four months. It was then that the need of the Church to do something for the troops was impressed upon him and he moved a motion in the Diocesan Conference asking that a committee be set up for this purpose. The Conference agreed and Canon Kewley became its first chairman. Later the committee was put on a regular basis as the Church of England Board for the Welfare of the Imperial Forces within the Diocese of Salisbury, of which the Bishop is president and chairman.

The Funeral

The body was cremated on Tuesday, and the ashes, contained in an oak casket, was received in the Cathedral on Tuesday evening by Chancellor C. T. Dimont and members of the Chapter.

There was a large attendance at the funeral on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. D. Wilcocks was at the organ, and the full choir was in attendance. Clergy taking part were Chancellor C. T. Dimont, Canon Cyril Jackson, Precentor; Canon A. F. Smethurst, Canon T. H. Jervis, Vicar of Close; Canon A. L. Keith and the Succentor (Rev. P. Nourse). Internment was at the East end of the Cathedral, the committal being taken by the Precentor.

Family mourners were:- Miss Mary Kewley, Miss Theresa Kewley and Sister Helen Mary, Mother Superior of the Community of St. Mary the Virgin, Dublin (daughters); Mrs. A. C. Louth (sister); Miss

Louth (niece); Mr. Herbert Thynne and Mr. Geoffrey Thynne (brothers-in-law). Other relatives were prevented from attending through illness.

Others present included the Hon. Mrs. Gore Langton (Bath), Major-General G. F. H. Brooke, Rev. W. Stanley (Devizes), Mr. and Mrs. De Laine Brooke (Potterne), Miss Awdrey and Miss L. Awdrey, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Box (Oxenwood), Rev. W. B. Smith (Burcombe), Mrs. W. Burden (Potterne), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clack (Potterne) also representing Mr. Mead, Miss Mogg, Mr. W. E. Tower, Mr. T. H. Moroney, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. P. Vandeleur, Mrs H C Robins, also representing the Dean of Salisbury who was prevented from making the service through being confined to bed with a cold, Mrs. C. T. Dimont, Rev. G. Beckingsale, Mrs. W. H. R. Blacking also representing Mr. Blacking, Mrs. Sexty (West Lavington), Rev. A. J. Burgess (West Harnham) representing the St .Barnabas Guild, Miss Freemantle, Mrs. Barclay, Mr. E. L. Griffiths, Cathedral School, and Mr. A. E. Lawrence.

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