

## LATE MR. JOHN HARTLEY OF EARBY

Religious, educational, and civic bodies were represented at the funeral of Mr. John Hartley, J.P., 4, Alder Hill Street, Earby, which took place at Earby on Friday afternoon. Mr. Hartley, who died the previous Tuesday, had been active in public life for nearly half a century, and rendered yeoman service to Methodism. He was managing director of the Earby Manufacturing Co. Ltd., while at one time he acted as secretary of the Earby Manufacturers' Association.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Bennett (superintendent of the Barnoldswick Methodist Circuit), assisted by the Rev. A. Wilson (second minister) and Mr. J. H. Willcock (a prominent local preacher). Following a brief service at the house, a large congregation assembled in the Riley Street Methodist Church, with which the late Mr. Hartley had been actively associated since boyhood, and the interment took place at Earby Cemetery.

During the service in church two of Mr. Hartley's favourite hymns, "Happy the man that finds the Christ" and "Let Him to whom we now belong" (both by Charles Wesley) were sung under the leadership of the choir, and the organist (Mr. Rennie Pawson, L.R.A.M.), played Handel's Largo, "Ombra mai fu," and Mendelssohn's "O rest in the Lord."

In a tribute to Mr. Hartley, the Rev. J. A. Bennett said he was a man who commanded love and respect. He was, above all, a man of God. He had one supreme loyalty—loyalty to the Master—and that one book he set above all others was the Bible, which he knew almost from cover to cover. Mr. Hartley was a man strong in conviction, fearless in the expression of his own personal opinion, and unbending in principle, yet he had the heart of a child. No unkind thought ever found refuge in his mind, for his heart was kind.

To the poor and needy, Mr. Hartley was an unflinching friend. He was generous in heart and mind, while his record of public and Christian service covered nearly his whole lifetime. For almost 50 years he was a local preacher in the Methodist Church, serving the circuit and district with unbroken vitality, and in recognition of his services he was elected for a year as district president of the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association. For many years he was trustees' treasurer. He made notable contributions to the local Press on matters concerning Earby's history, especially Methodist history, while he served on the Earby Education Subcommittee with unremitting zeal.

"Mr. Hartley was a true Christian, and we are the poorer for his passing," concluded Mr. Bennett.

Many branches of Methodism in the town and district were represented, and police officers headed the cortege en route to the cemetery.

### THE MOURNERS.

The family mourners were: Mrs. Hartley (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Berry (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. W. Atkinson Liverpool (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. C. G. Hartley (sister-in-law), Miss Haworth (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Carradice (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. Carradice (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. N. Carradice (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss Carradice (sister-in-law), Mrs. Renshaw, Mrs. Cowgill, and Mrs. Eastwood.

Public bodies were represented by the following: Skipton Bench of Magistrates: Mr. B. C. Walls (also representing Mr. A. Townsend, C.C.).

Skipton Divisional Liberal Association: Mr. J. W. Knight (also representing Earby Liberal Club).

Skipton Grammar School Board of governor: Mr. Walls and Mr. A. G. Petty. B.Sc. (also representing Barnoldswick Methodist Circuit).

Earby Education Sub-committee: Messrs. A. Oates (chairman), F. G. Foster (vice-chairman), H. Marsden (Divisional Education Officer), E. H. Gunby (Inquiry Officer), W. H. Bishop, C. E. Green, Rev. A. E. Chance and Mrs. Knight.

School teaching Staffs: Mr. L. E. Holt (headmaster, Modern School, Earby), Mr. A.H. Clegg (headmaster, New Road Council School), Miss Naylor (headmistress, Kelbrook Council School), and Miss Ford (headmistress, Springfield Infants' School).

Earby Manufacturers' Association: Messrs J. W. Hartley (secretary), A. Bailey (also representing C. W. Bailey Ltd.), H. N. Crowther (also representing Mr. A. J. Birley. J.P. and A. J. Birley Ltd.), A. Watson and E. Catlow.

Earby Manufacturing Co. Ltd.: Messrs. J. W. Carlisle, F. Carlisle, T. Benson (Kelbrook), T. Tattersall, A. Duxbury and G. Shuttleworth,

Weaving staff of Earby Manufacturing Co, Ltd.: Messrs. A. Maw and T. Goodwin.

Earby Urban Council: Mr. T. Payne, J.P.

Earby and District Nursing Association: Mrs. F. G. Foster.

Barnoldswick Methodist Circuit Local Preachers: Messrs. J. H. Willcock, J. A. Brown, F. Tuley (also representing Earby branch of the League of Nations Union), W. P. Haines, E. Whitehead, J. E. Palmer and B. Bush..

Riley Street Methodist Trustees: Mr. Knight.

Riley Street Methodist Church: Messrs. J. Lofthouse and H. Dickinson.

Earby Baptist Church : Mr. F. W. Wells.

Earby Police Section: Inspector W. Swain-son, P.S. Dore and P.C. Armitage.

Bethel Methodist Chapel, Lothersdale: Mr. Fred Todd.

Mount Pleasant Methodist Chapel: Mr. W. E. Yates.

## **EMPLOYEES AS BEARERS.**

Others present included: Mrs. A. G. Petty, Mrs. Alfred Green (Embsay), Mrs. G. S. Green (also representing Mr. G. S. Green, J.P., Bradley), Mr. W.W. Holgate, Mr. E. Heap, Mr. W. H. Webster, Mr. J. W. Brown, Mr. Herbert Bailey (Crosshills), Mr. T. N. Parker, Dr. A. M. Niven, Mr. E. W. Smith, Mr. John Smith. Mr. J. Ashton (Barnoldswick), Mr. R. R. Waterhouse, Barnoldswick (representing the "Craven Herald and Pioneer"), Mr. N. Hargreaves and Mrs. J. H. Willcock.

The bearers were six employees of the Earby Manufacturing Co. Ltd.: Messrs. A. Duxbury, W. Green, J. Lumb, E. Taylor, M. Richardson and W. Lowcock.

Among many floral tributes were wreaths from the following public bodies: Members and officers of the Earby Education Subcommittee; Barnoldswick Methodist Circuit: Directors of Earby Manufacturing Co. Ltd.; Earby Manufacturers' Association; Workpeople of Earby Manufacturing Co. Ltd.; Stan and scholars of Earby Modern School Teachers and scholars of New Road Council School, Springfield Infants' School and Kelbrook Council School.

Earby Nursing Association; Calf Hall Road Methodist Church and Sunday School, Barnoldswick : Riley Street Methodist Choir; Skipton Divisional Liberal Association; Kelbrook Methodist Chapel; Earby Liberal Association, Women's Liberal Association and Liberal Club ; Riley Street Methodist Sunday School; Mount Pleasant Chapel; Trustees of Riley Street Church.

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