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lovable, generous, and chivalrous. He was a good man, and his goodness made the service of Christ attractive to others. His preaching possessed the qualities of life and charm, and his sermons were the natural expression of a soul in contact with living truth, and with the sins and sorrows of men. As a pastor he had a special gift of comfort for weary and sorrowful hearts. He was a wise administrator, who won for himself the esteem and affection of the people. His interest in Foreign Missions amounted to a passion, and he loved on platform and in class to tell the stories of his work abroad. In 1912 he retired to Uxbridge, and afterwards to Ealing, where he continued to exercise a gracious ministry. As the end drew near he frequently spoke of the abounding grace of God and the confident hope of eternal life. He passed away at Ealing on February 15, 1924, in the seventy-ninth year of his age and the fifty-sixth of his ministry.

(26) EVAN JONES: born at Blaenau Ffestiniog, Merionethshire, October 18, 1850. His parents were exemplary Methodists, whose names are still fragrant. He was early converted, and began to preach in a neighbourhood which was then characterised by thoughtfulness and by many theological discussions. It was only natural that he should become a theologian, philosopher, and historian; for he had the inestimable privileges of an excellent home education and the training of the Welsh Sunday school at its best. Accepted for the Ministry in 1875, he preached the Gospel with much power of thought and conviction, and was most conscientious and assiduous in all his duties as pastor and minister. He was President of the Welsh Assembly in 1908. He was a great reader and a valued contributor to the Welsh magazine. He was a greathearted, strong and tender, dignified, natural, and much beloved. He became a Supernumerary in 1912, and entered into rest on February 21, 1924, at Rhyl, in the seventy-third year of his life and the forty-eighth of his ministry.

(27) CHARLES RICKARD: born at St. Agnes, Cornwall, January 13, 1862. He received his training at Richmond, where he was deservedly esteemed for high character and diligent study. In 1885 he was appointed to the West Indies, where he spent ten years of fruitful work. Returning to England in 1895, his services were eagerly sought and unstintingly given in a succession of circuits. His appointment to Cardiff (Roath Road) and to the Chair of the District, which he occupied for six years, revealed administrative powers and courageous enterprise hitherto veiled by his quiet demeanour and inherent modesty. The care of all the churches was bravely borne without lessening the efficiency of his circuit and pastoral work. His pulpit and platform utterances revealed a faith resulting from diligent reading, clear thinking, personal experience, and happy and tireless toil in the Master's service. His ministry won the love and gratitude of very many whom he led nearer to God. The influence of his bright Christian personality will long be remembered. His brethren's appreciation of his faithful and fruitful service was shown by his election to the Legal Hundred in 1923. He was a true missionary to the last. Within eighteen months of his removal to Portsmouth, while cheerfully continuing to bear undiminished burdens and ever increasing in influence, he was suddenly called Home on February 21, 1924, in the sixty-third year of his age and the thirty-ninth of his ministry.

(28) DANIEL HEATON: born at Linthwaite, Yorkshire, in 1852. His early years were spent in the United States, where he was educated at Wilbraham College and Middletown University. Returning to England, he was accepted for the Ministry in 1879, and was at once appointed to a circuit. He is remembered in all his pastorates for his genial and lovable personality, his tactful management of business, and his lofty conception of ministerial fidelity. He was a brave and sincere man, a man of God, a true pastor and a friend to be counted on in places of peril and trial. He was a loyal son of his Church, unassuming and unaffected in manner, and an adept in dealing with the varied forms of human nature. His preaching was attractive, virile, and always evangelical. On the platform, especially when dealing with public morals, he could become impassioned, and there was in him a vein of humour which considerably aided his appeals. The loss of a gifted son in the war was deeply felt by him, but no one ever heard a word of repining from his lips, and with this great sorrow gnawing at his heart he yet retained his habitual cheerfulness and his sunny smile. After only four days' illness he passed peacefully away on February 23, 1924, at the age of seventy-one and in the forty-fifth year of his ministry.

(29) PETER JONES (c): born at Newmarket, Flintshire, July 15, 1850. Having experienced a genuine conversion, he began to preach, and proved himself an acceptable witness to the grace of God. His geniality and originality won him favour wherever he went. As Superintendent he was thorough and diligent, and as pastor sympathetic and kind-hearted. As a preacher he emphasised the great evangelical truths, and was the means of bringing blessing to many. He was universally looked up to as a true minister of Christ both in word and deed. He was a faithful colleague and an affectionate brother. He became a Supernumerary in 1912, and amid much pain always showed a meek and cheerful spirit. The end came at Prestatyn on February 24, 1924, in the seventy-third year of his life and the forty-eighth of his ministry.

(30) HENRY GIBSON: born at Gravesend, January 31, 1839. His parents were loyal Methodists, and the influences of his home made his heart sensitive and responsive to God. His early religious training had its issue in his definite surrender to Christ at the age of twenty. In 1861 he was accepted as a Candidate and was immediately sent into a circuit. His ministry everywhere bore gracious fruit. He had great success as an evangelist, and in one circuit the membership was doubled during his term. Every part of his work was marked by thoroughness and fidelity. His pulpit ministry showed that he had disciplined himself to studious habits. He was a strong and wise administrator, having a sound judgment of men and things. As a pastor he loved his people with an absorbing devotion, and his self-detachment and sensitive sympathy quickly won their hearts. In all circuits he is chiefly remembered for his transparent and radiant goodness. The years of his retirement were spent at Ealing, where many saw in his refined character the beauty of holiness. He entered into rest on March 5, 1924, in the eighty-sixth year of his age and the sixty-fourth of his ministry.

(31) TIMOTHY WHEATLEY: born at Lanchester in Durham County, April 3, 1850. His parents were members of the Anglican Church, but