

GEORGE COLLINSON NORMANDALE

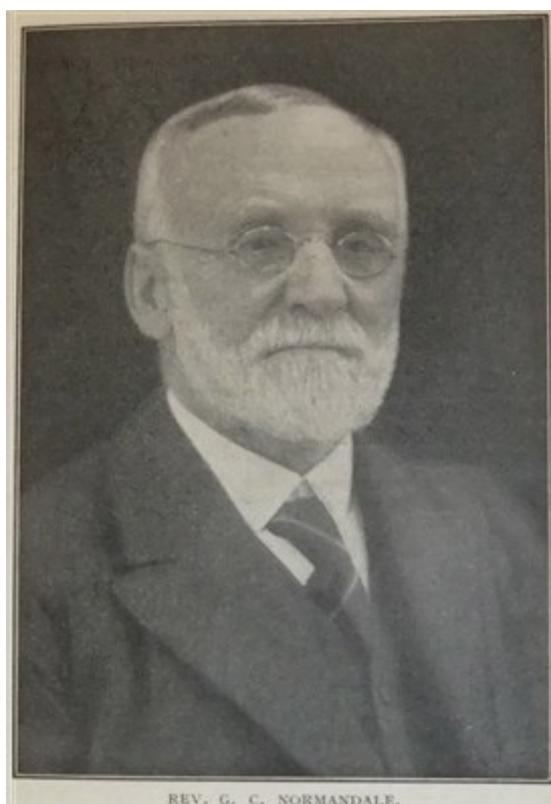
George was born on 23 March 1849 at Keighley, Yorkshire,

He entered the Primitive Methodist ministry in 1874

George married Mary Eliza Goddard in early 1879 at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

George married Ann Louisa Gant in 1892 in Southwark, London. They had two children.

George died on 1 September 1930 at Stoke Newington, London



Several newspaper cuttings below tell of his energetic career somemore detail can be found via:

http://www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk/category/primitive_methodist_ministers

George spent three years in the Maidenhad circuit from 1897 to 1900

The Rev. G. C. Normandale, the Primitive Methodist minister, has this week left for the Rotherhithe circuit after three years' ministry. A Farewell meeting was held in the Queen-street Church on Monday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Normandale were wished God-speed in their new sphere of work. They have also been recipients of many tokens of goodwill from friends. The Rev. W. Martin succeeds Mr. Normandale
(Reading Mercury - Saturday 14 July 1900)

We hear that the Rev. G. C. Normandale, the Maidenhead Primitive Methodist minister, has accepted a cordial invitation from the Rotherhithe and Deptford circuit to take charge of the department of Christian work at the close of the Connexional year.

The Rev. G. C. Normandale and Mrs. Normandale will leave Maidenhead, where they have been three years, to the regret of many besides those connected with the local Primitive Methodist Church.

In addition to his religious work, Mr. Normandale has been an active temperance worker, an energetic politician, and a stalwart defender and exponent of Free Church principles.

He took his place at the helm of Primitive Methodism

Primitive Methodist Conference 1908 Appointment of Secretary

Rev. E. Clements nominated Rev. G. C. Normandale, who, he said, had travelled 34 years, 19 of which had been spent in the London District; he had been District Secretary for 12 years. He had also done much good work on temperance lines. He was a Primitive Methodist of the third generation and a son of the Manse. This was seconded. (Primitive Methodist Leader Thursday June 18th 1908).

Rev. T. J. Gladwin nominated Rev. G. C. Normandale, who has also at a previous Conference served his apprenticeship as Assistant Secretary. His Primitive Methodist ancestry—he is a son of the manse - his aptitude for secretarial work, and his varied services on various district committees were admirably set out, and the interesting fact was noted that Mr. Normandale began his religious life and his work as a preacher in connection with the old Manchester Road chapel, now Central Hall.

Finally Rev. J. Tolefree Parr nominated Rev. Henry Carden in a crisp speech, which had packed into it a remarkable array of Mr. Carden's qualities and services. As a sketch of Mr. Carden will appear next week, it is not necessary to recapitulate these facts. When the vote was taken, it was found that Mr. Carden had received 102, Mr. Mainprize 55, Mr. Normandale 22, and Mr. Bennion 17 votes. Mr. Carden was therefore declared elected, and suitably acknowledged the honour.

(Primitive Methodist Leader June 15 1911)

PRIMITIVE. METHODIST. SOUTHEND PASTOR'S JUBILEE

The Rev. G. C. Normandale, pastor of the Pleasant - road Primitive Methodist Church. Southend, has been celebrating his 50 years membership of the church.

On Sunday jubilee sermons were preached by the rev. gentleman, and on Wednesday Me. J. A Gledhill, circuit steward, gave a :tea. During the proceedings a congratulatory adarees was delivered by the Rev. Thomas Jackson.

A "Circuit Rally" followed in the church which was lit for the first time by electric light. Mr. W Feat presided and addresses were delivered by the Revs H R Davis and George davis and others.

Mr Normandale came Southand last July from Richmond. He began his ministry 37 years ago. spending the first 15 in East Anglia. He has since been working round Loudon. He has been assistant - secretary at conference and is secretary to the Building Committee for the London district and to the general body which undertakes executive functions. Mr Normandale has been s superintendant minister for 30 years.

(Chelmsford Chronicle - Friday 13 January 1911)

Richmond Circuit : Church Extension.

On January 1st, the formal taking over of the property at Barnes, a new centre of work, was marked by the laying of stones in the front of the chapel.

The opening exercises were conducted by the Rev. G. C. Normandale.

Stones were laid by Mrs. Olphert on behalf of the Wesleyan friends at Barnes; Mr. E. Stone, circuit steward, on behalf of the trustees and officials; Mr. Lewis, on behalf of the Chiswick Society; Mr. Redford, on behalf of the Chiswick Sunday School, and by Dorothy and Collin Normandale jointly. At the close the Rev. Thomas Mitchell preached. 'the discourse was listened to with evident appreciation by a good congregation,

At the public tea a nice company gathered. in the evening a public meeting was held. The chairman, W. W. Coartenay, Esq., congratulated the friends on their bold undertaking and wished for the cause a successful history. Rev. Allen Rees, Wesleyan, congratulated the minister and his helpers on the opportunity afforded by this opening for the extension of Evangelical services. 'the Rev. T. Mitchell followed in his usual humourous and forceful style, urging earnest work and systematic and generous giving. Mr. Hammersley, who is giving special service at Barnes, reminded the company that the New Year was to be opened with a Fortnight's Revival Services, in which he hoped for hearty co-operation.

From the statement made by the Rev. G. C. Normandale, it appeared that the property purchased from the Wesleyans at £800, cost between £1,300 and £1,400, being situate in Main Road has a site value of £400, seats 230, and is a good gothic brick buildiug with stone dressings. The stone laid by Mrs. Olphert represents a gift by Wesleyan friends of £50. The other four stones represent £5 each. By the collections, chairman's donation of £3 3s., and tea, a total of £31 was realised, making in cash and promises £130. For a place where three months ago we had not a member, this is very good.

(Primitive Methodist Leader Jan 17 1907)

He served as Conference Secretary:

Rev. G. C. Normandale.

Rev. T. J. Gladwin, in moving Rev G. C. Normandale, said he had travelled thirty-seven years, and his father had travelled thirty-three years also. Mr. Normandale possessed great aptitude for secretarial work. The two London Districts had realised that for over twenty years, and had kept him very busy. On two occasions he had been secretary for his District meetings. Three years ago the Conference expressed its confidence in him by appointing him to the Assistant Secretaryship, as work which he did with complete satisfaction. He was a good penman, prompt and efficient, and would do the work perfectly, Mr. J. F. Ford seconded.

The Ramblings of the President

The President preached the annual sermon of the British and Foreign- Bible Society at Ealing. There was a goodly company and an inspiring service. Rev. G. C. Normandale, the indefatigable secretary of our London branch, hopes to be able to send a. Larger sum this year to the funds of the society.

(Primitive Methodist Leader April 6 1922)

Drink Licence..

A notable victory was won last week for Temperance and for freedom from drink at music-halls and similar places of amusement under the control of the London County Council.

The London United Temperance Council, led by Rev. G. C. Normandale, successfully opposed the proposals of the L.C.C. Theatre and Music Halls Committee that the licences granted should permit of the sale of liquor on the premises but not in the auditorium.

It was pointed out by the opposition that the policy of the Council not to grant new licences except on the condition that intoxicating liquor was not sold on the premises had worked remarkably well, and there had been no public outcry against it.

The vote of the Council was substantial and encouraging. The London Temperance Council is to be congratulated on preserving these places of amusement from the inducements and objections of the drink, and to keep them clean for the young people who throng them. One Councillor well said "he was no advocate of a brighter London if the illuminant was alcohol"

Eighteen places of amusement will be affected by the Council's decision. Possibly the same attempt will be made again next year. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." It was a great victory.

(Primitive Methodist Leader Nov 29 1923)

Thanks to Retiring Treasurer..

The General Secretary moved that the Conference accord hearty thanks to Rev. G. C. Normandale for his splendid service as Treasurer. He was retiring after a term which had witnessed a marked improvement in the position of the Fund. Rev. A. Baldwin seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Normandale in reply said he had sought to serve to the best of his ability. He had reached his ministerial jubilee, and it was always a joy to do anything for the Church.

(Primitive Methodist Leader June 19 1924)

Boys' Hostel and Girls' Friend Bureau.

The record for the year of this new departure is highly satisfactory. 116 youths and girls, who have come to the Metropolis from provincial homes, were met by our representative at the railway station, conducted to their lodgings, and careful enquiries made as to the suitability of those lodgings and the employment to which they had come. Enquiries made in some instances revealed the risk that unsuspectingly some of the young people had incurred, and by our timely interference some were saved from imminent moral peril,

It is with deep regret that we have to record that our esteemed helper, the Rev. G. C. Normandale, has recently passed away. We shall greatly miss his valuable services. It was a type of work for which he was eminently fit and in which he took the greatest interest. We shall still continue this helpful service to youths and maidens coming up to the Metropolis, and shall be obliged if Ministers and Circuit Officials will give us timely intimation of all suitable eases to which we can render suitable assistance.

(Whitechapel Mission Annual report 1930)

By Mr. H. Walter Pinhorn.

It is appropriate that I should bear testimony to the life and worth of Mr. Normandale from the point of view of his temperance activities and his long association with our London Church Council. His close comradeship with my father, the late Mr. Chas. Pinhorn, in the work of the United Temperance Councils, and his constant appearances before the Licensing Justices and the London County Council in opposition to the Liquor Trade, made him a personal friend.

When my father passed away, Mr. Normandale assumed, very largely, the work of Licence Opposition in the Greater Metropolis, and our London Church Council appointed him its representative in the Courts to give greater scope to his work. So well did he continue the task that, on at least two occasions, he was mistaken for my father by friends of the Trade, who referred to him in not too kindly terms. He won the respect of the Justices, however. It will be very difficult to find his successor in this work.

He was associated with the London Church Council from its inception, and remained to the end a wise counsellor and loyal friend. He was present at the last executive meeting, and his interest was as keen as ever. That he had passed four score years was credible, edible, so alert was he.

We will miss him sorely, and the Council will scarcely be the same without him. He stood by it in the dark days, and rejoiced when prosperity again attended it. He has passed on, beloved and honoured by every member.

(Primitive Methodist Leader Sept 11 1930)

THE LATE REV G. C. NORMANDALE. - A Notable Ministry.

As announced in the LEADER of last week, the Rev. George Collinson Normandale entered into rest on September 1st.

Up to within a month of this date he was actively engaged in many kinds of service. Indeed he was conscious of all about him until within a moment or two of his translation.

He was one of the choicest spirits and one of the most devoted ministers our Church has ever known. He was a son of the Manse. At the early age of twelve his life was consecrated to Christ, and long before he entered the ministry he was absorbed in church work. After a year at the Sunderland Institute he entered the ministry in 1874.

For 45 years he faithfully and successfully discharged the duties of a circuit minister, being at once a capable preacher and a wise administrator. In addition he filled with distinction many District offices and numerous public positions.

He was a passionate advocate of the temperance cause. At the time of his passing he was an hon. secretary of the London United Temperance Council and the official temperance representative of the London Primitive Methodist Council.

After his superannuation in 1919 he was appointed Connexional Fund Treasurer. He was a permanent member of Conference. He was a collector for the British and Foreign Bible Society, and a visitor to certain hospitals under the Public Health Department of the L.C.C.

He served the pulpits of many of our London Circuits continuously after his superannuation, and always to the delight and profit of his hearers.

The service prior to the interment at the Edmonton Cemetery was held in the new church, Ravensdale road, Stamford Hill. A large company attended, and a notable feature was the number of his brother ministers present. By them he has always been admired, trusted and loved. There were present also representatives of the many societies he had served. The Rev. J. Mainwaring conducted the service. The Rev. T. B. Caukwell rendered a worthy and beautiful tribute, which made a deep impression upon all. The Revs. T. Jackson, J. T. Barkby, J. Walton, J. Johnson and J. E. Thorp also took part. Mr. H. J. Willcox, the church organist, officiated.

At the graveside the Rev. W. A. Hammond read the committal sentences and the Rev. Jacob Walton offered prayer. The sympathy of the whole Church goes out to his family.

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George's brother, Rev J W Normandale, died soon afterwards:

J W Normandale

Forty-one years of active service, followed by twenty-two of equally active work in Liverpool. What a fine record - over sixty churches of different denominations have heard him preach; he served for years as Chaplain to the important institution at Brownlow Hill, and for years, too, as General Chaplain at West Derby Cemetery. But he is loved most because most faithful and loyal at his own church at Aintree.

The death of his brother, the Rev. G. C. Normandale, seemed to shake him and loosen somewhat his hold upon life, but to the end of his 84 years he maintained a strong interest in all things essential to life and religion.

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