

GEORGE TUCKER

George entered the Primitive Methodist ministry in 1907 and for a brief period in WW1 he became an Army Chaplain.

Very little has been found about his ministry

During his ministry in Dover, George had significant things to say and do

SYNOD GATHERINGS AT REDHILL

After a lapse of thirty-four years, the annual synod of London II District of the Primitive Methodist Church was held at the Brighton-road Church, Redhill, during the last week end. Admirable arrangements had been made for the reception of the delegates, committee representatives and visitors, numbering in the aggregate about fifty, and these were hospitably received into the homes of local adherents of the Primitive Methodist Church and other well-wishers. The inaugural sermon preached on Thursday evening by the Rev F G Saville G.C.D. was inspiring. The committees of the synod commenced to assemble on Friday afternoon and at 6 o'clock there was a short meeting of welcome in the chapel.

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The Rev George Tucker said the day of what might be called the "little Christian" was over. The world they had discovered was not just a collection of different countries, but that it had one life for all practical purposes. For the Christian who could not visualise that - his day had gone. The Christian was called to be a big man, a big thinker, and a big seer. He had to realise that the Church was the greatest international organisation in the world for leading it in the movements of the day and making them religious. It was a world that was easily irritated, worried and perplexed, and he was glad of it. It showed it was not satisfied or pleased with itself, and displeased with the circumstances in which people lived. Here was the opportunity for the Church to lead it to the satisfaction that was so much desired (applause)

(Surrey Mirror and County Post Friday May 8 1926)

The Rev George Tucker (Forest Hill) gave the Ordination charge.

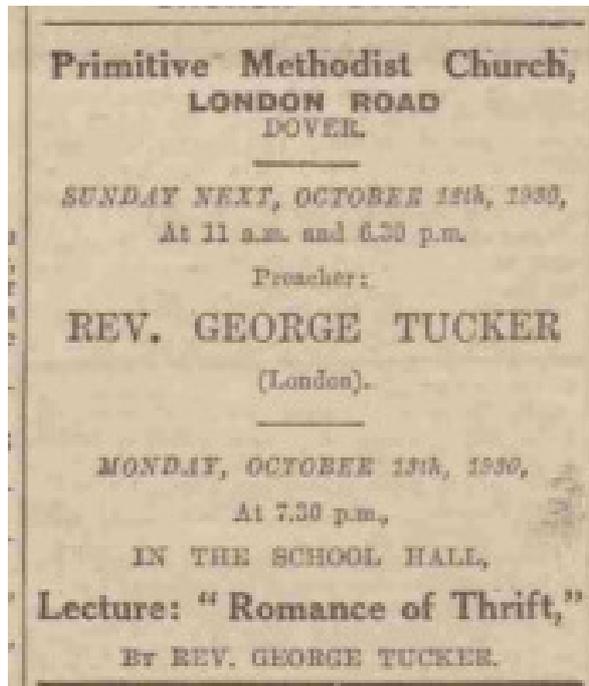
"Although I am only half way through my ministry" he concluded "yet I feel one of the greatest things in it is to have been able to have helped people to believe the reality of the love of God, and if you can do that you will never regret the fact of your ordination this evening and the consecration of yourself to the work of the ministry of Christ's Church"

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The Rev George Tucker, of Forest Hill, spoke to the children of the congregation first and told them of the great sacrifices their parents made for them. They should all learn to be generous, and start now as there were many people in the world who had never tried to be unselfish.

The hearty singing of the congregation throughout the afternoon was notable.

(Synod gathering - Dover Express Friday 6 May 1927)



Dover Express 10 October 1930

George moved within the higher echelons of Primitive Methodism and his eloquence was respected:

Thanks to Hartley Lecturer.

The Rev. George Tucker, submitted a resolution, expressing the warmest thanks of Conference to the Rev. Dr. Meecham for the services rendered in the publication and delivery of the Hartley Lecture on ". The Oldest Version of the Bible,.

He said that all who were present at Gilkes-street Church recognised the magnificent piece or work Dr. Meecham had accomplished. In flawless English, and with ease and grace of utterance, he had succeeded in making interesting and profitable a subject which could hardly be described as popular. It was a valuable addition to scholarship, which would well repay their serious study. His years of research in that particular field had given him mastery of his theme. The interest of the lecture had been carried to the point of fascination. They felt proud of Dr. Meecham's gifts and service. In moving the resolution. Mr. Tucker had a rollicking time as he related some of his reminiscences."

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The Rev George Tucker was in good form in presenting a resolution of thanks to the Hartley. Lecturer. He rightly characterised his deliverance as an example of flawless English combined with grace of diction.

Those who had the privilege of hearing the lecture felt proud of the lecturer, and the example he gave of the manner in which scholarship can consort with simplicity of expression. The Rev H G Meecham M.A., B.D., Ph.D., received the call of the Conference to the platform, and gracefully acknowledged the congratulations of the delegates.

(Primitive Methodist leader June 23 1932)

George died in 1951 aged 70



More information on his life can be found on

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