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DEATH OF MR. LUKE HOSEGOOD.

For 37 Years Master of Cambridge Workhouse

LONG SERVICE RECALLED

Many in Cambridge, and particularly local Guardians and others associated with Poor Law work in the town will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Luke Hosegood, who, for 42½ years faithfully served the Cambridge Union, and for 37 years was Master of the institution. Mr. Hosegood will be sadly missed by many who knew the great value of his work in his particular sphere of life. Death took place at 12, Glisson-road, early on Sunday morning, Mr. Hosegood being 72 years of age.

He was taken seriously ill in March last, but after a trying time recovered sufficiently to be able to attend a meeting of the Cambridge Board of Guardians, of which he was a member, on Wednesday May 7th. On that occasion he was given a friendly welcome by members upon his return. He was able to attend the following meetings on May 21st, and June 4th, but he subsequently became worse, sinking fast during the last few days. He leaves a daughter and a son.

Mr. Luke Hosegood was born on the 10th July 1851, and was a native of Poughill, near Crediton, Devonshire. He came to Cambridge in 1870, being appointed temporary schoolmaster at the Workhouse on the 21st December. This was at a time when there were something like 150 children at the Workhouse, and when tuition had to be provided for them there. On the 28th July of the next year he was appointed schoolmaster, and it was here that he met the future Mrs. Hosegood. At this time this lady, who was then a Miss Porter, had obtained the post of schoolmistress. Both held their respective posts until the 19th July, 1876, when Mr. Hosegood was appointed Master, and Miss Porter, who then became Mrs. Hosegood, was appointed Matron. This joint position they filled with great success until 1913. In the last few years of her Matronship Mrs. Hosegood had been far from well, and it was largely in consequence of her ill-health that their resignations were tendered in March, 1913, to take effect in June. Mrs. Hosegood passed away, however, before this date.

When Mr. Hosegood retired from Cambridge Workhouse, a presentation was made to him on 26th September, 1913, in recognition of his 42½ years' service of the Cambridge Union. The Mayor of that year (Alderman Francis), several ex-Mayors, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board, aldermen, councillors, guardians, and brother officials were all present on this auspicious occasion. The testimonial was organised by a committee of which the late Mr. A. S. Campkin was chairman. It was designed, firstly, to show the entire satisfaction Mr. Hosegood and his late wife gave to the Board during their long term of office, and secondly, to recognise, by a further gift, the invaluable work of Miss Hosegood, who acted as Assistant Matron during the difficult period of her mother's illness. Part of the amount collected was expended in the purchase of a gold hunter watch for Mr. Hosegood, and a diamond pendant for Miss Hosegood, the remain[ing]

amount being handed to Mr. Hosegood in a purse. At this function various speakers paid glowing tributes to the great work done by Mr. Hosegood during his long association with the institution, and to the effective way he was assisted by his wife, whose death was greatly lamented.

An earlier presentation, of which Mr. Hosegood was very proud, was the outcome of a serious fire which occurred at the men's infirmary of the Workhouse on April 8th, 1883. The brave conduct and self-possession of the Master on that occasion aroused general admiration, and was the means of preventing any loss of life. Subsequently, in recognition of his prompt work and meritorious action in rescuing some of the inmates he was presented with a testimonial and donation of £5 from the Royal Society for the Protection of Life.

During the [First World] War Mr. Hosegood acted as locum at several institutions, including Spalding (Lincs), Huntingdon, and Kedington. In February 1915, he unsuccessfully contested the Abbey Ward in a Guardians' election against Mr. A. C. Mansfield. In March, 1921, however, he was elected unopposed in a by-election in Fitzwilliam Ward. He took a keen and active share in the work of the Board, serving on the Finance, House, and Children's Home Committees.

Mr. Hosegood was also a member of the Library Committee, and a particularly active committee-man of the Concerts Committee. He was also a prominent Freemason, having passed through all the offices of the Three Grand Principles (441) Lodge. The Royal Albert Benevolent Society knew him as a member of the Management Committee.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at Mill-road Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. A service was first held at St. Barnabas Church, being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Norman), assisted by the Curate (the Rev. Griffiths). During the service the hymns, "Jesus lives" and "Abide with me" were sung. Mrs. Maurice Brown was at the organ. At the end of the service the Nunc Dimittis was played. The coffin was of plain English oak, with brass fittings. Upon the breast-plate was the inscription: "Luke Hosegood, died June 15th, 1924, aged 72 years."

The immediate mourners were Miss M. G. Hosegood (daughter), Mr. G. B. Hosegood (son), Miss G. Wagstaff, Mr. B. S. Campkin, Mrs. Simpson (sister-in-law), Mr. G. Cunningham (brother-in-law), Miss Scott (nurse), Mrs. Carter and Mr. J. W. E. Rule (clerk to the Guardians).

At the church the Cambridge Board of Guardians were represented by the Chairman (Mr. H. C. Francis), Mrs. Alder, Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Fisher, Mr. D. Gentle, Mrs. Golding, Mrs. Gray, Mr. H. E. Hall, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Hockley, Mr. Horwood, Mr. T. A. Mathers, Mr. M. T. Pascoe, Mr. R. Perry, Mr. G. F. Saint, Mr. W. T. See and Mrs. Wootten, with Mr. Johnson (the master), Mr. Levitt (relieving officer), Mrs. Darlington (relieving officer), and Mr. Bowyer (assistant clerk).

Freemasonry was represented as follows: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire (the Rev. Canon J. H. Gray), Three Grand Principles, Lodge No. 441, W. Bro. Hawkes, W. M., W. Bro. Frederick, W. Miller, P. G. Std. Br. (England), W. Bro. J. A. Fabb, P. M., W. Bro. E. R. Gambling, P.M., W. Bro. J. Symonds, J.F., P.M., W. Bro. Potts, P.M., W. Bro. H. Franklin, P.M., W. Bro. H. W. Dewberry, P.M., P.P.G.W., Bro. F. Hall, P.M., Bro. A. Wild, J.W., Bro. J. Owen, Bro. J. W. Pretty, Bro. A. H. W. Brady, Bro. John Vail, Bro. Stevens, Bro. W. G. Bignell, Bro. Kay, Bro. Robinson, Bro. F. J. Corbett, (Steward) and Bro. H. E. Ambrose. Scientific Lodge, No. 88—W. Bro., S. Speller, P.M.

The Free Library Committee was represented by Councillor Porter (chairman), Ald. See (who is also a Guardian), Councillor Symonds (who also represented the Concerts Committee and the Cambridge Brotherhood), Miss Blair (who is also a Guardian), Mr. J. H. Bullock and Mr. Fenton.

The Concerts Committee was represented by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Taylor.

Others present included Mr. Beasley, Mr. J. B. Bullen, Mr. F. French, Mrs. Medcalf, Mr. Muirhead, Mr. T. Pask, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Ward, Mr. Morley Stuart and Mr. F. Tupling.

Beautiful floral tributes were sent by the following: From Grace; In affectionate remembrance, from Gert and Bert; In loving remembrance and sincere sympathy, from Mrs. Simpson and family, Caxton; In loving remembrance, from Ernest, Celia and Cissie, East Sheen, S.W.; In remembrance, from Bernhard S. Campkin; With deepest sympathy, from the officers of the Cambridge Board of Guardians; With fraternal sympathy, from the Worshipful Master, past masters, officers and brethren of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark; With sincere sympathy from H. R. Scott; With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. H. Tredgett and family; With sincere sympathy, from Mrs. Kittridge and family, 19 Glisson-road; With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bullen; With deep sympathy, from Mrs. James Sanders; With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. W. Scott and Eva; With kindest remembrance, from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tupling; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead; In affectionate remembrance, from his nurse, Miss J. G. Scott.

Messrs. W. Eaden Lilley and Co. were the undertakers.
