

South Woodford Congregational Church Memorial Tablet

This is taken from the Woodford Times, 15th August 1919

MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN.

TALBET UNVEILED AT SOUTH WOODFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

At the South Woodford Congregational Church, on Sunday morning Last, a simple marble tablet, inscribed With the names of the twenty-two men Of South Woodford Congregational Church "who gave their lives for Freedom and humanity in the war to End war 1914-1919" was unveiled by The minister, the Rev. W. McLeod Girdwood, B.D. The ceremony took Place just before the delivery of the Sermon, in the presence of a very large Congregation.

In the course of his address, Mr. Girdwood said the simple memorial They had unveiled that day would Stand there as long as the church Stood. It reminded them – lest they Should forget – to live lives worthy of Those who had gone. It would be a Great mistake to imagine that in erect- Ing such a memorial their duty to the Dead ended. The only worthy kind Of memorial was a living one – a life Free from selfishness, generous and Humane; willing to live as well as to Die for humanity. To lead men on To this kind of new life was the first Duty of all who called themselves Christians. They must be prepared To live, to serve, to suffer, and, if Need be, to die in the attack against Greed, materialism, and everything That was opposed to the ideals and Visions that dwelt in the young lives Of whom the tablet reminded them. Then, when we come to die, we could Say, We have fought a good fight. Following were the names inscribed Upon the tablet: -

J. E. Britton
A. H. Brown
C. E. Bryant
E. T. Christian
E. P. Connel
L. Cook
L. C. Dyer
W. Fry
L. W. Fuller
D. C. G. Hick
L. S. Liddle

S. H. Liddle
N. Manley
A. Nicholson
W. Nunneley
J. H. Potter
C. Powell
A. J. Riggs
J. Steel
F. Sykes
A. C. Webb
G. T. Webster

Beneath the names were the words:
They do not die,
Nor change their mortal sympathy,
Nor change to us although they
Change.

Comment by Redbridge Museum:

It should be also noted that The South Woodford Cong. Church in their history booklet added three more names to those included in the Woodford Times report:

C. Cracknell

S. W. Ferry - actually S. N. Ferry

B. F. Francom