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Joseph Tanner SANGER. Head. Mar. 65. Wesleyan Minister. Wiltshire.
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Death Notice:-

SANGER .. On the 15th inst., at Ryde, Rev. **J.T. SANGER**, aged 71 years.

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THE LATE REV. J.T. SANGER

On Sunday evening , at Garfield Wesleyan Chapel, a memorial sermon was preached by the Rev. J. EGLINGTON, was a tribute to the memory of Rev. **J.T. SANGER**, who died on Sunday week last. The pulpit and gallery at the back were draped with black. There was a large congregation present. The Rev. J. EGLINGTON, chose for his text, the words found in Revelations ch. 14, v.13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, etc." He made an appropriate allusion in his prayer to the bereavements which had taken place lately among members of the Church, referring not only to the death of the Rev. J.T. SANGER, but also to the death of Mr. LEALE, who was buried that afternoon. The sermon was listened to with great attention and was exceedingly appropriate, and after the singing of a favourite hymn of their departed friend "Thou Shepherd of Israel and mine ," the rev. gentleman gave the following interesting biography:-

Joseph Tanner SANGER was born at Salisbury on the 10th June, 1815. his grandfather and grandmother were among the first who joined the Wesleyan Society in that city; his father was for many years a class leader, and occupied various offices in connection with the Church-street chapel, rendering good service to Methodism. Surrounding from his earliest years with the influences of a godly home, and trained in religious knowledge by parents experimentally acquainted with the doctrines and requirements of the Christian faith, he embraced in his youth the principals of the Gospel of Christ , and was born again of the Spirit, when about 15 years of age. he had taken some part in the work of the church before that. When only 14, he was a teacher at Sunday School, and two years subsequently, he became a local preacher, having already delivered short exhortations at cottage services. Several very interesting facts relative to this period of his life and only recently come to his knowledge. About two years ago, when on a visit to his native city, his heart was gladdened by hearing that two of the oldest members of the Fisherton society, claimed him as their spiritual father, and they informed him that it was during his local preachingship they had sought and found salvation through faith in Christ. After having laboured with great success in the wide area of the Salisbury circuit, he

became in 1836, a candidate for the ministry, and at the conference of that year commenced his long career as a Wesleyan minister. Even before that, however, he had so far deserved and obtained the respect of those working in the same sphere, and he had been sent by the President to supply for one of the ministers of the Newbury circuit, and he had a gratifying proof some 40 years afterwards from a brother minister of the success of his labours there. The conference of 1836 appointed him to the Bodmin circuit. In this and his next appointment –Dunster --he had experiences of “journeyings oft,” such as in country districts fell to the lot of Methodist preachers of that time. Leaving his home often for many days together, with no other equipment that could be contained in his saddle bags, he went from place to place claiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. In a village in his next circuit he met with her, who for many years shared his joys and sorrows, and was in the highest sense a help-meet to him in his hallowed toil. During the next seven years he went through a large amount of laborious service in the cause to which he had consecrated his life. In 1847, he was stationed at Frome. His ministry here was attended with more than usual success. He gained and held the love and esteem of the people, in spite of the disturbances, which were then agitating the Wesleyan church throughout the Kingdom, and was largely instrumental in averting any violent outbreak of unchristian strife. It was always, however, to his next circuit --that of Falmouth --that he looked back with feelings of peculiar pleasure, and devout gratitude to God. He numbered the years spent here amongst the happiest of his ministry, and where he made some of the most enduring friendships of his life --that with his superintendent being one of them. For many years those whom they ministered entertained pleasing and gratifying reminiscences of their ministry. Five years after leaving Falmouth --at --Madeley --he had to undergo his first family bereavement; and whilst living there his eldest daughter, and three other children were buried in the churchyard of the parish, which by all Methodists is associated with John FLETCHER’s memory. During these seasons of severe trial he evidenced constantly the patience and trust of a true Christian. After three years in the adjoining circuit of Stourport, he was for the first time stationed in extent unfamiliar sphere of labour, he nevertheless met with marked success, and the influence of his ministry was felt outside the limits of his own denomination. Five years having been spent among the manufacturing population of Lancashire, he was appointed to Welshpool, where under the blessing of God he was enabled to render substantial service to the cause of Christ. After a stay of three years at Wellington --only a few miles from Madeley --he came in 1874 to the Isle of Wight. Here he succeeded to the office and continued the labours of an old friend and colleague till the spring of the following year, when he was obliged by failing strength reluctantly to ask for assistance of the supply. Though very desirous of remaining in active work, he at the May district meeting, felt it necessary to apply for leave to become supernumerary. He had preached what proved to be his last sermons at Southampton in the previous month. He continued to hope that he would be permitted to take an active part in the public services of the church, and this wish was expressed again up to the last. Such an opportunity however, was not vouchsafed to him, and he comforted himself with the conviction that it was the will of the great Head of the Church that he should serve by patient waiting. In this, as in the grievous afflictions which fell upon him in 1881, he evidenced daily the same Christian fortitude, and confidence in the providential ordering of all things for the best, which had always characterised him mercifully spared the trial of any painful disease, he literally fell asleep in Jesus, last Sunday morning, having for half a century sustained an unblemished reputation as a minister of the Gospel of Christ.

“Yes the Christian’s course is run,
Ended is the glorious strife;
Fought the fight, the work is done,
Death is swallowed up of life !
Borne by angels on their wings,
Far from earth the spirit flies,
Finds his God and sits and sings,
Triumphing in Paradise.”

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