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NEXT MEETING

Date: Saturday 8 February, 2020

Time: 2.30pm [afternoon tea to be served with meeting commencing at 2.45pm]

Where: Morling College

Guest: Ronald Cardwell – The Quiet Yet Effective Ministry of The Clifford Press 1947 to 1988

Edward Harris Swan – Father And Son

DR JOHN STANHOPE

Father

EHSF was born in 1858 in Islington England, to George Swan and his wife Louisa Eliza. George was born in Littlehampton Sussex about 1829 and was a ‘confidential clerk’ (*sic*) by occupation. Louisa was born in London about 1827. Their children were:

1. Louisa Frances born 7 August 1853 at Finsbury Middlesex, baptized 14 October 1853 at St Luke’s Church¹
2. Helen Kate born 1857 in Islington
3. EHSF
4. Alexander George born 1860 in Hackney.

In 1871 the family were living at 197 Essex Road, Islington. EHSF and Alexander were ‘scholars’.² EHSF was apprenticed as an engraver at age 16, bound 23 March 1874, registered 4 April 1874, to W & J Herron of Liverpool.³

EHSF married Emily Martha Philpott in New Zealand in 1886. They had two children

1. EHSS
2. Ethel born in New Zealand in 1894. She married Gwynne H Davey at St Leonards NSW in 1917.

In 1903 the family were living at 17 Gisborne Street, Garden Vale, Balaclava,⁴ and EHSF gave a talk on scientific matters at North Carlton church.⁵ He was working as an engraver.

In 1909 the family were at 17 Gisborne Street ‘Elsternwick’.⁶

In 1908 as ‘Mister Swan’ he was elected one of two vice-presidents of the Southern Suburban Association of Baptist Churches covering the Richmond/Brighton area of Melbourne.⁷

A recent inquiry to the Baptist Archives concerning the founding of Chatswood Baptist Church disclosed confusing and apparently overlapping ministries in NSW by Rev Edward Harris Swan. There were two men of this name, father (EHSF) and son (EHSS) in Baptist ministries.

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