

## 'A TRUE PASTOR' The life and ministry of William Higlett



Famous for his pith helmet which he wore everywhere (even to formal functions), William Higlett was widely respected as 'a faithful minister, a true pastor, a wise administrator'. Born in London in 1857 and educated near Royal Tunbridge Wells, he took up a commercial career before being converted under the ministry of the celebrated evangelist Dwight L. Moody. After gaining valuable experience in Christian work with the YMCA, he entered Spurgeon's 'Pastors' College' and served as a student pastor at Cheam Baptist Church. When the Baptist church in Toowoomba, Queensland was in need of a minister, they applied to C.H. Spurgeon for help. He selected William Higlett for the position saying, 'In all things he has approved himself to our love and confidence.'

William Higlett arrived in Toowoomba in 1882 and married Alice Emptage who soon joined him from London; they had three sons, Ernest, Frank and Arthur. After eight years of pioneering ministry, they transferred to Albion, Brisbane, where he worked for almost twenty years as a popular pastor and effective denominational official. Following the death of Alice, he moved to Grafton NSW with his new wife, Lily Low, leaving his sons in Queensland. Four years of ministry, with the birth of a daughter, Isabel, was succeeded by another lengthy and eventful pastorate at Haberfield, Sydney, and distinguished denominational service which extended well into his active retirement. Lily also had an extensive personal ministry, especially in support of missionary work amongst women. William's death in 1944 brought to an end sixty-two years of devoted ministry, characterised throughout by faith, steadfastness and commitment.

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