

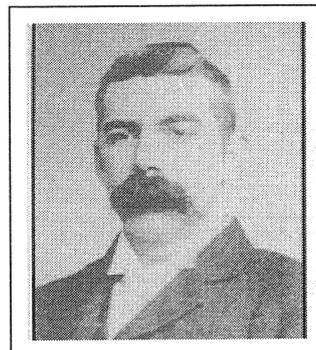
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Spickett, James

On leaving Monkton House School in Cardiff in 1876, James Spickett returned to his hometown of Pontypridd, taking up the post of an articled clerk at the County Cou thouse.

Having taken up the new sport of rugby football at school, Spickett gathered together a number of fellow workers and acquaintances to set up a local team - thus forming Pontypridd RFC.

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...vised the church to look out for a
...the good work Mr Owen
...who spoke with deep emo-
...friends for the gifts presented
...especially the beautiful
...he did not deserve all that was
...address. It would have a pro-
...his house. He would never for-
...Pontypridd. In his ministry he
...course which he thought best, his
...the church might be abundantly
...the great responsibility in going
...at Pembroke to succeed such men
...Powell and the learned Rev. John
...and others, and he asked the
...He could assure them he would
...for the Graig in his prayer. Again
...friends on behalf of Mrs Owen
...their great kindness.
...next called on Rev. John Pugh,
...and he had only just returned from
...previous Saturday. Mrs Pugh
...is very anxious to be there that
...Pugh thought very highly of Mr
...Pugh) always asked Mrs Pugh's
...ing those who were called to the
...ment centres, as she had a better
...in himself. The three qualities re-
...in the Forward Movement were
...and gumption, and Mr Owen
...se qualities.
...is a copy of the address :—
...J. H. Owen.

Graig, Pontypridd.
...of the church and congregation
...chapel, Pontypridd, upon your de-
...ving been our pastor since August,
...express to you our high estimation of
...our midst.
...and conscientious labour in connec-
...tion with the Temperance Cause in
...the Band of Hope, and the Young
...men, by which means you have been
...consolidate the church and congrega-
...tional recognition.
...it incumbent to mention that you have
...been a most valuable mover in securing for us our new
...schoolroom and classrooms attached.
...your exertion in helping the poor and
...deserving, and especially during the long
...years has been heartily appreciated by us.
...also add that you have ardently and
...supported every movement in the town
...for the advancement of the kingdom
...of God, and that the neighbourhood has been in-
...formed for good by your consistent Christian
...teaching. Much of your best work is to-day in-
...faded, and confident that it will bear good
...fruit for ever, and that "the day shall de-
...clare every man's work shall be made
...of Mrs Owen may enjoy every blessing
...of God and will make you eminently success-
...ful in your future labour is our most
...earnest prayer.
...of the church,
...Henry Carter
...David Foulkes Williams
...John Layshon, Treasurer
...John Evans, Secretary.
...Committee

**DRINKING BEER AT
TRALLWN.**

Pontypridd Police Court on Wednesday,
...3, North-road, Trallwn, was sum-
...ing intoxicating liquors without a
...licence Phillips prosecuted on behalf of
...Mr. D. Rees defended.
...of P. C. S. Hughes and Letherson, it ap-
...peared officers searched the house from 6 to 9
...on the 26th of November, and saw a number
...of bottles of beer and three glasses. One
...of the men said he came there to see a
...friend, and the others were his friends.
...and Hunt, lodgers, were called, and said
...they had a three dozen
...bottles of beer, and paid 3s. 6d. each for it,
...between them. Meredith said he gave
...the three bottles.
...Meredith, Mrs. Thomas was fined £1
...and £2-10s.

moving to Bronwydd, but, unfortunately,
Mrs Spickett died just about that time. He
resided at Bronwydd up to the time of his
death. The deceased was a member of the
Congregational Church, and was a regular
attendant.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral (which took place on Thurs-
day) was very largely attended. A short
service was held at the house, and then the
coffin was conveyed to the Congregational
Church, where a service was held. The
bearers were the deacons of the church.
The coffin was of polished oak, with solid
brass fittings. It was covered with a num-
ber of very beautiful wreaths. At the chapel
the Rev. W. G. Jenkins, B.A., officiated.
He took as the subject of his remarks the
words, "After he had served his own gen-
eration by the will of God, he fell on sleep."
The speaker referred to the high sense of
honour and uprightness of character of the
late Mr Spickett. He had an uncompro-
mising fidelity to the principles of right and
an unflinching devotion to what he believed
was his duty. The district had lost an official
whose ideas of justice and fairness were as
clear as crystal. He was an uncompro-
mising Nonconformist from conviction, but
was generous to the cause of religion in
general. In the way of supporting such an
institution as that of Dr Barnardo, or of
administering charity in their own town, he
was always to the front. He was not likely
to forget his personal kindness. He often
had the privilege of seeing him under his own
hospitable roof, and one could not but be
impressed that down in his heart was the
most real sympathy and a readiness to help
those whom he believed fought, however im-
perfectly, the battle of righteousness and of
God. He was a man of whom they could
say, "He had served his generation, and by
the will of God fell on sleep." Might he
that afternoon express the fervent hope that
the inspiration of that Father might be, in
the future as in the past, the inspiration of
the children and the children's children.
His loyalty to the highest honour may they
always cherish; his loyalty to philanthropy
may they emulate; and his loyalty to his
religion and his God may they never forget.
At the close of the address Mr T. Jones
played the "Dead March" on the organ.

The mourning carriages were occupied as
follow:—

- First carriage.—Mr Jas. Spickett, solicitor (son), Miss Spickett (deceased's daughter), Mrs James Spickett, and Mr Edwd. Spickett (son).
 - Second carriage.—Mr W. Spickett, solicitor (son), Mrs W. Spickett, and Miss Evans, Shire Newton.
 - Third carriage.—Mr J. M. Savours, Rhosce; Mr W. M. Savours, Miss Rosser, Pontypridd; and Miss Ada Jones, Mandy.
 - Fourth carriage.—Mr Walter Savours, Mr W. Jones-Powell, Pontypridd; Mr Henry Lewis, Cardiff; and Nurse Kirkby.
 - Fifth carriage.—Dr B. M. Lewis, Dr J. Shaw Lyttle, and Mr Stephen Lewis, County Court.
- Walking in front of the hearse to the chapel were the ministers who officiated and the staff at the County Court and deceased's offices, viz.: County Court clerks—Messrs C. F. Johns, C. Hancock, D. J. Tomkins, H. A. Restoul, T. Bryant, J. and D. McGregor. Staff of the firm—Messrs George

social relations with him, but would speak in him as registrar, which much more touched them who practised there. He would like to thank His Honour for the mood of praise he had given Mr Spickett on the way he had carried out his duties as registrar. He would like to use His Honour's word "straightforward." That was a word that characterised the registrar in his official capacity never than any other word, he could think of. His brother practitioners would bear him out that in every relation the late registrar was straightforward and most, though in all matters that came before him. No matter was too small to demand from him the fullest concentration and thought, and he gave every little case the deepest attention possible. He saw by that book written in Mr Spickett's own writing "E. C. Spickett, appointed 1856"; so that for 43 years he had acted in that capacity, and during that time no one could suggest that the registrar was otherwise than straightforward. Might he be permitted to add that his brother practitioners united in rejoicing that Mr James Spickett had been appointed, by His Honour, as registrar, and the loyalty which had been extended by the members of the profession to the late Registrar would be unswervingly extended to him.

**VOTE OF CONDOLENCE BY THE
BURIAL BOARD.**

At the meeting of the Pontypridd Burial Board on Thursday, the chairman Mr Richard Rogers, referred to the death of Mr E. C. Spickett. He said he was sure they all felt the loss, and he thought they should pass a vote of sympathy with the relatives, and more especially Miss Spickett. The late Mr Spickett was the first promoter of that Burial Board. He was the first mover in the matter, and brought it about. He had known Mr Spickett for 46 or 47 years, and he could bear out the remarks made by the Judge on Monday. He had never known a man that had a tenderer heart. Very few knew of the amounts he gave in charity. They would be surprised if they knew the number of guinea cheques he sent out at Christmas time. Another idea of his, which, if carried out, would have meant a great saving to the rates, was the proposal that an Act of Parliament should have been obtained before the Old Local Board was formed. Had this been done a great number of improvements could have been carried out. The gas works could then have been purchased for almost an old song, and the site of the market and Tyfica farm could have been obtained for £80 a year. The waterworks was only just started, and that could have been obtained cheap.

Mr James Roberts, in seconding, said Mr Spickett had many excellent qualities. He could bear out what had been said about his good nature. He did his charity in such a way that it was not proclaimed from the housetops. For several years he received a cheque from him on behalf of a struggling cause. There was nothing he hated more than cant and hypocrisy. He had served his time and generation for nearly 50 years, and had done his best for Pontypridd. It was he who first moved to establish the Sanitary Authority. The opposition was strong and they got into pover, and Mr Spickett was left outside although he was the medium of starting it. Had been said he was the starter of the Burial Board had been said that day, he had served his day and generation.

Rev. S. R. Jones said he had known Mr Spickett for nearly 22 years. A more straight-
forward man he had never known. He had left a legacy of a high personal and also professional reputation to his children.

Mr. William Jones said he endorsed the sentiments of the chairman. Had Pontypridd adopted Mr. Spickett's scheme the town would have been the gainer. Had that scheme been carried out, Pontypridd would have been in a far better financial position than it was. In 1864 he promoted a most comprehensive scheme for the water supply of the district. It was one of the most comprehensive schemes that he knew of. It included the whole of the parishes of the Pontypridd Union, and anticipated Merthyr and Cardiff in their great scheme.

Mr. Edwards said, as a tradesman, he had opportunities of knowing of the good done by Mr. Spickett. He knew of families who had been clothed year after year by Mr. Spickett. He was one of those gentlemen who did good "by stealth and blushed to find it fame."

Messrs. P. Gowan, G. Hughes, and E. Morgan supported the resolution, which was carried.