

Mr. R. C. Coleridge Missing

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There seems every reason to fear that Mr. Reginald C. Coleridge, of Hartford, who was among the second-class passengers on the Titanic, has lost his life. Every day since the disaster his friends have anxiously scanned the lists of those known to be saved, but without avail.

Indeed it was scarcely hoped from the first that he would be rescued, for his was just that type of character which would lead him to sacrifice his own life, if need be, to help others. It was to some extent due to accident that he was on the boat at all. He had been anxious to go to America for a holiday trip with the Rev. A. C. Crosfield, vicar of Hartford, with whom he has lived for some years, but Mr. Crosfield was going as chaplain on a particular boat, and Mr. Coleridge was just too late to obtain a berth on the same vessel. Accordingly he was booked by the Titanic, and he had deemed himself fortunate in obtaining a passage for the maiden voyage of the famous ship. He was to have returned with Mr. Crosfield later.

Mr. Coleridge was a native of Wisbech, where his parents still reside, (sic) but latterly he had lived at Hartford, where he carried on the profession of advertising expert until a short time ago increasing business calls led him to remove his office to London. He was always ready to help in any good work, especially on behalf of the younger generation, and the commencement of the Boy Scout movement in the county was largely due to his efforts in forming the first troop at Hartford, in succession to the Church Lads Brigade, with which he had formerly been connected. Since he had removed to London he was concerned with one of the Metropolitan troops, but he was still joint district secretary with Dr. Whitfield for the Hunts. District.

Memorial Service.

A memorial service for those who lost their lives on the Titanic is to be held at Trinity Church on May 2nd, when Brahms' "Requiem" will be repeated and the proceeds given to the Mansion House Fund.

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