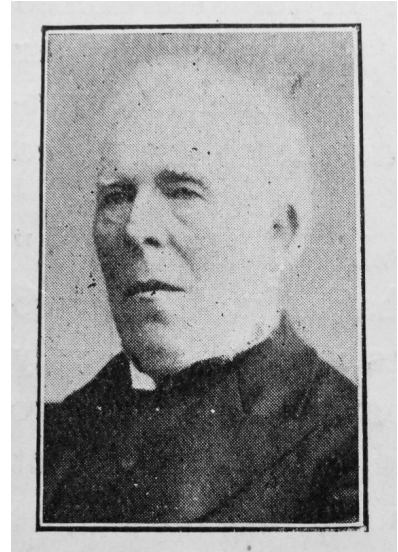


Rev. John Wright

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John Wright was born at Stonehouse, May 13th, 1821. His mother dying when he was only a little over a year old, he was brought up at Frome, in the home of his aunt, the mother of the late Rev. James Hurd. Here he was guarded and guided with great care, and brought under the influence of the early fathers of our connexion, Hugh Bourne, John Ride, Richard Davies, Samuel West, and many others. He decided for God when he was fourteen years of age. He at once joined our Sunday School as a scholar, then became a teacher, and at the age of eighteen was put on the preachers' plan. In less than a year he was called out to travel by the Frome Circuit and sent to the Shepton Mallett Mission. Here he had many hardships and privations, and the bitterest persecutions, but amid many mental conflicts and temptations went forward for forty-six years, and became a most powerful preacher and successful minister of our church. On June 21st, 1906, after along time of waiting on the brink, he exchanged mortality for life, and left a memory behind dear and precious to all who knew him best.



Rev. J. Neville says of him: "He was, in every sense, a good minister of the New Testament, he had a fine physique, a commanding presence, a magnificent voice, and a vast range of preaching power. In his early days he shared much in long journeys and hard living, limited pay, and labours more abundant."

Rev. T. Phelps: "He will be remembered in the circuits where he has travelled, especially by the poor and sorrowing whom he delighted to visit and comfort."

Rev. J.S. Buckley: "He lived a strenuous life, bore a stainless character, and for many years was a most successful minister. His great influence is beyond words."

But the Lord, after a long and successful course, has called him to rest. He will never die, but live on, and on, for ever.

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