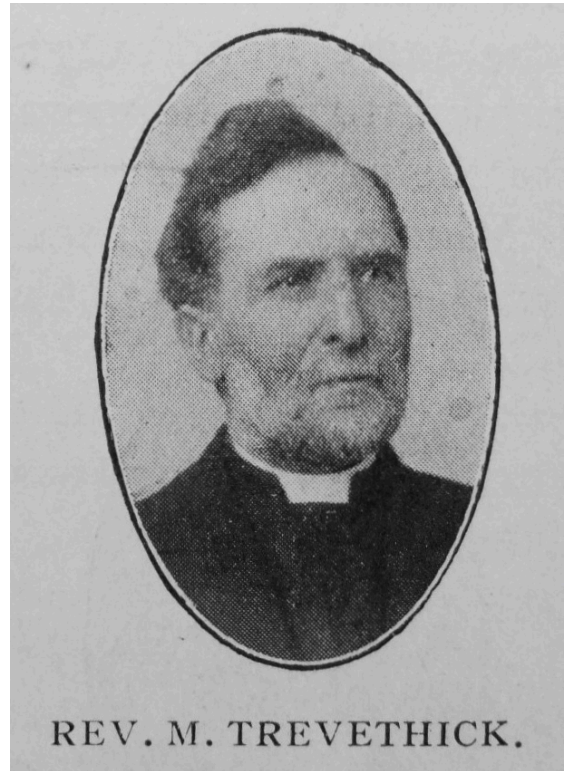


Mark Trevethick

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It was with startling suddenness and surprise that the many friends of Mark Trevethick heard of his passing, as many were expecting soon to see him in his accustomed work. He was born at Plymouth in 1847, and reared in a godly home. In his early years the family moved to Lostwithiel, in Cornwall, and early in life he was taken by his father to the services at the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The ministrations of the Word evidently deeply impressed his heart and mind, and under the ministry of the Rev. Isaac Hedges he was led to Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

When he was seventeen years of age he joined the society and received his first class ticket. It soon became evident that he possessed powers which could be well used in the Church, and he was called to be a local preacher. In this capacity he was very successful in winning souls, and his ministrations were so acceptable to the congregations to whom he ministered that it was thought that a wider field of service was opening out to him, and he was recommended for the ministry by the St. Austell Circuit.



The Conference of 1873 accepted him on probation, and he was stationed to open a mission at Romford. He travelled subsequently with great acceptance at Marlborough, Maldon, Halstead, St. Albans, Basingstoke, Petersfield, Windsor, Malmesbury, Stewkley, Clun, Leighton Buzzard, Llanymynech, Bedford First, Sleaford and St. Neots, and during his thirty - eight years' ministry preached the Gospel fully and freely.

His sermons were evangelistic and thoughtful, aiming at the conversion of men and the building up of the Church. He was fully at home in revival services. He was shrewd and practical, and had a full measure of success in erecting new chapels and reducing debts. He had a retiring and sensitive disposition, shrank from office, but was always ready and willing to do all he could to further the cause of Jesus Christ. Happily his work and worth were recognised by his brethren, and he represented his District in Conference.

He was very happy in his home life, having married in 1877 Miss E.D. Eudall, daughter of the late Rev. G. Eudall. The character of our brother was strikingly effective. He was kindly, courteous, and brotherly. As a preacher plain, practical and pertinent, ever seeking to exalt Jesus Christ as the Saviour of men. A loving friend, ever ready to help and encourage. In demeanour he was quiet, thoughtful and unobtrusive; possibly a little too sensitive, yet true and conscientious. He was a

devoted husband and a loving father. As a pastor he was deeply interested in the welfare of his people, seeking to stimulate them to follow Jesus. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the young and had the saving grace of quiet humour. He was forceful in speech and fervent in prayer.

He was beginning to feel the strain of service and was thinking of superannuating at the ensuing Conference, but God willed it otherwise. In taking a country service one foggy night he took a chill, which developed bronchitis; this, together with a weak heart, terminated his course on February 28th, 1911, his sixty-fourth birthday. Many have been the tributes to his life and work from ministers and friends in all parts of the Connexion; also from public bodies with which he was connected, especially the Clun Parish Council, of which he was chairman for some time.

His body was laid to rest in the Leighton Buzzard Cemetery, near to that of his eldest son "Archie," on Saturday, March 4th. Many friends gathered to show their esteem, including officials and representatives from St. Neots, Bedford First, Luton, Leighton Buzzard and other places. Rev. F.W. Wilkinson conducted the service; Rev. T. J. Gladwin represented the General Committee; Revs. T. Reeve and C. Spooner also took part.

We deeply sympathise with his widow and son in their bereavement, and trust they will be graciously sustained and helped to continue rendering service to the Church of their departed one.

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