

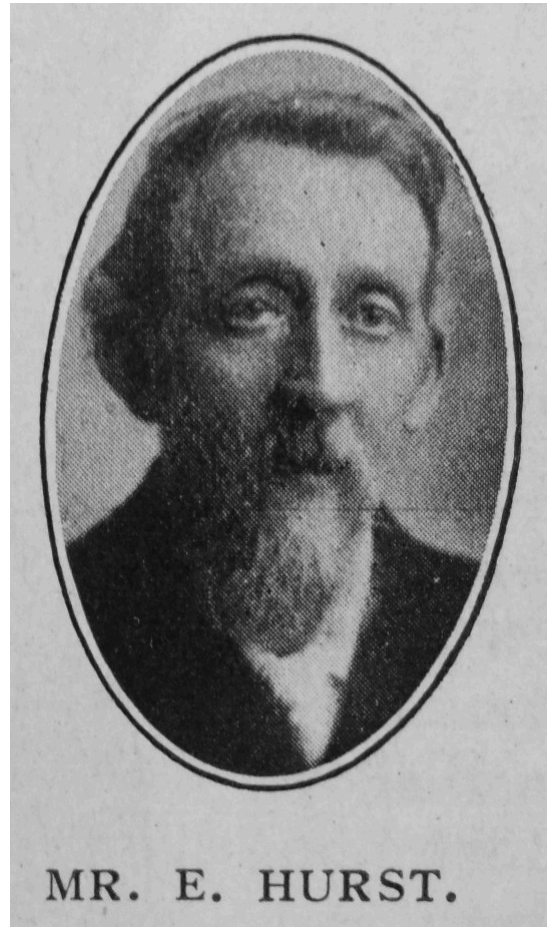
Elijah Hurst

Transcription of obituary published in the Primitive Methodist Magazine by J. Binns

Mr. Elijah Hurst was born at Boundary, near Cheadle, Staffs, in the year 1850. He began work in the mine when only eight years of age. Giving himself to mental and spiritual training, the Church soon saw his ability, and called him to the office of local preacher in 1872. The demand for his services increased, and the work grew, until one year forty-seven Sundays out of the fifty-two were occupied in proclaiming the Gospel. In his diary there are 1,286 entries, in addition to week evening services and public meetings. He must have given considerably over two thousand sermons and addresses.

At Boundary he was class leader and steward as well as local preacher. Removing to Cheadle in 1888, he joined our Church there, and for twenty-seven years has been a tower of strength and a source of inspiration, both to our Cheadle Church and to the whole Cheadle Circuit.

He passed peacefully away on April 5th, 1915, and was interred in Cheadle Cemetery on April 8th, the service being conducted by Revs. J. Binns, G.W. Taylor and T. Clamp.



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