

## Frederick Henry Brown

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FREDERICK HENDERSON Brown: born in Sunderland in 1878, and the first of five brothers who became ministers, four in the Methodist Church and one in the Congregational Church. Under the guidance of godly parents he dedicated his life to Christ at the age of eleven. When he was thirteen years old he began to study Greek, at fourteen years he was invited to prepare himself for the Local Preachers' Plan, and at nineteen years of age he was accepted as a candidate for the Primitive Methodist ministry. He had outstanding ministries in Bloxwich, where he had two terms of service, in Chesterfield and Oswestry, and then in Radstock, where after six years he superannuated having given forty-seven years to the active ministry.

In 1944 he came with his wife to live at Heston in the Brentford and Hounslow circuit, and there he continued a fragrant pastoral ministry until ill-health made it impossible, although to the end he was rarely absent from worship. He was a man of peace, a quality which attracted people to him. They found in him a friend who would listen with patience and with understanding. His active ministry was marked not only by his gentle nature, but also by his great gifts of mind. He had a clear, alert, keen mind which made him both an arresting and a helpful preacher. There must be many who will recall his pulpit ministry with great thankfulness to God.

In his later years especially it was an honour to know him; here was a saint full of love and kindness always eager to talk about the work of God. He could look back over his ministry with all its trials, of which there had been many, and never cease to marvel at the wonder and the glory of it. He could say with deep sincerity that he had never regretted those steps to Christ which led him into the Methodist Ministry. All who have known him can say with deep gratitude that they have been richer for doing so. He died on 25th April 1956, in the seventy-eighth year of his age and the fifty-ninth of his ministry.

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#### References

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