

George Fawcett

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Born at Ellenborough, Maryport, in 1874. He entered the Ministry of the Primitive Methodist Church in 1899 after training at Hartley College, Manchester.

He had great gifts of mind and spirit and very fine preaching ability. His name remains as a very fragrant memory in all his circuits. He was of a genial disposition, master of a quiet humour, very courageous, and a great consoler. He was genuine through and through, a hater of shams and hypocrisy, and a fighter for the truth as he saw it. In his lifetime he may have had many opponents but no enemies.

The Primitive Methodist Connexion appreciated his worth and called him to the office of Connexional Christian Endeavour Secretary, and in most of the Districts in which he travelled he held District office.

While at Grimsby from 1926 to 1933 he was associated with the late Sir James Blindell, M.P., in the erection of nine Methodist Homes for the Aged which remain as a memorial to his sagacity and sympathy.

He became a Supernumerary in 1940 and returned to Grimsby, where he found opportunity for service in his own Circuit and in all the Free Church pulpits of the town, as well as giving over six years to the local hospital as Free Church chaplain.

His beloved wife died in 1947 after a long illness, and he never seemed really to recover from that great loss, though he carried on bravely with his preaching and other services.

But little by little his bodily frame grew weaker until, on 14th March 1950, in his seventy-sixth year, very quietly and painlessly, he slipped into the arms of the loving Father.

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