

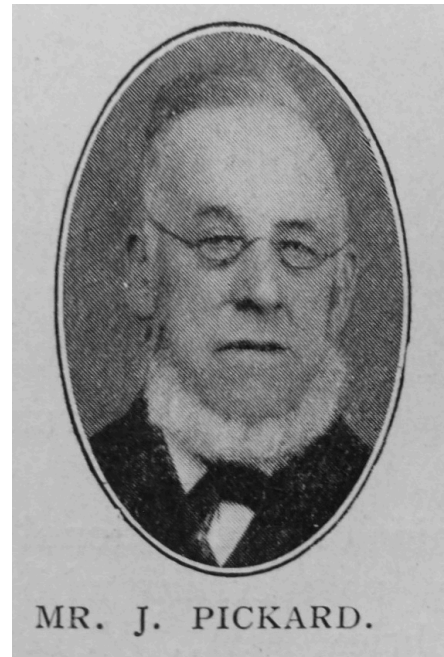
John Pickard

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John Pickard, of Sutton in Ashfield, rendered magnificent service to his Church and generation. Born in Leicester (1827), he removed by stage coach to Huthwaite, and later to Sutton. He was among the scholars who laid their pence on the foundation stones of our present Reform Street Chapel in 1840, afterwards serving the school as superintendent for sixty years. Treasurer of the vigorous local branch of the Sunday School Union for forty years, he walked round in the annual Whitsuntide procession over seventy times.

He was circuit steward of the Sutton and Kirkby Circuit from its formation and class leader over sixty years. Long ago he aided in the establishment of the British school in the town, then served on the School Board, and later as member of the County Education Committee and of the local managers, of which body he was eventually elected life member. He was guardian of the poor and member of the local council and of the Notts County Council.

The graveside service was conducted by Rev. M. H. Bainton.



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