

Stephen Kitching

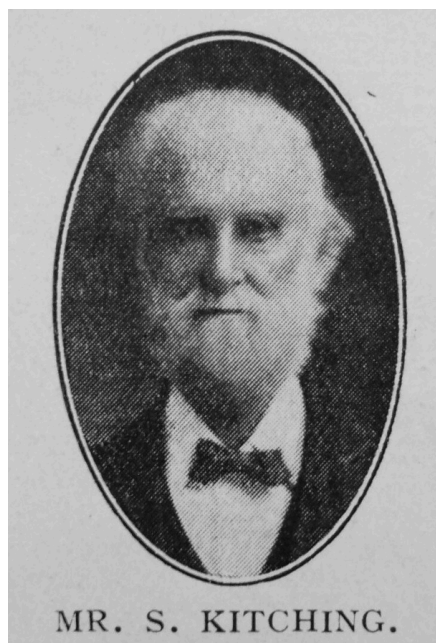
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Bethel Church, Grimsby Second Circuit, has suffered great loss by the death of Mr. Stephen Kitching on September 23rd, in his seventy-seventh year. In early manhood our brother, with his wife, accepted Christ as his personal Saviour, and the Primitive Methodist Church became their spiritual home.

Retiring from business more than thirty years ago our brother devoted himself to the Master's service. As trustee, superintendent of the school, society steward, class leader and Band of Hope worker he abundantly proved his loyalty and fidelity. His soul literally thirsted for God. The class meeting and prayer meeting were to him of unspeakable value. A man of sterling integrity, upright in all his dealings, he won the esteem and admiration of many outside the Churches.

In his last illness he bore himself with exemplary patience and fortitude. Whilst arranging all his affairs with that practical wisdom which characterised him, so as to cause the least possible trouble to survivors, his greatest joy was in conversing about the Church, especially Bethel, with which he had had unbroken connection for more than half a century.

The interment took place at Scartho Cemetery, Revs. C. Matthison, G.W. Mead, J.W. Bowden, F.G. Wallis and Dr. Pigott conducting.



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