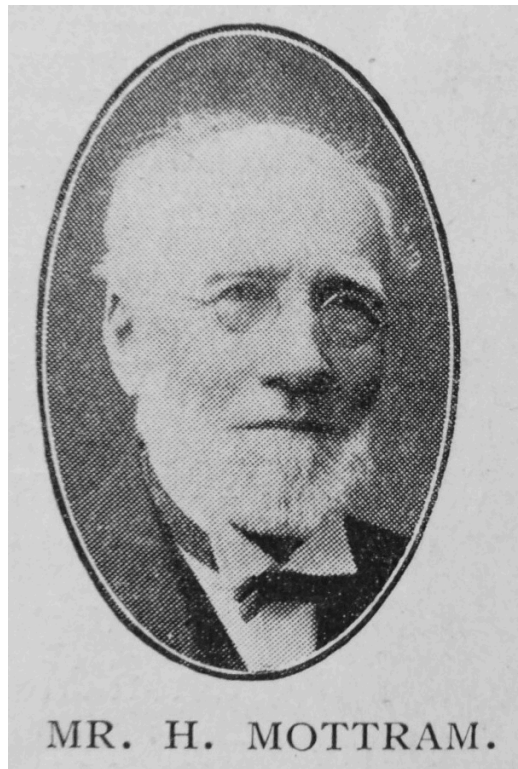


## Henry Mottram

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Henry Mottram, the beloved steward of Leek Circuit, was born at Waterhouses, Staffordshire, November 18th, 1832, and entered the "Homeland" February 7th, 1913, at the age of eighty-one. He belonged to the Primitive Methodist Church from his birth, his father being a local preacher of rare gifts and graces, and his mother a first cousin of the famous George Eliot, a godly member of our Church.

Henry Mottram was the eldest of a family of nine children, and was associated with many of the fathers of our Church. He remembered well Hugh Bourne, Richard Jukes and Thomas Batty. He became at an early age the faithful superintendent of Waterhouses Sunday School. Removing to Ipstones and afterwards to Leek, he worked bravely and truly for our Church. Greatly interested in all our organisations, his broad sympathies fitted him for the circuit stewardship which he held for upwards of twenty-five years.



No man was ever more loved. His sterling character and tender sympathy, his gifts of mind and gifts of heart won the love of all who knew him well. Through all the developments of Leek Church he was to be relied upon. Ministers found him ever prepared to lead in forward movements. In days of embarrassment he was first to help. Through his example many were led to make great sacrifices for the church beloved. He was greatly respected by his townsmen. During the last decade of his busy life he threw himself with increasing heartiness into church matters, and when he retired from business his whole time and strength were devoted to the affairs of the church. For the young he had special regard. We offer to the stricken widow and family our deep sympathy.

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