

James Trafford

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James Trafford was born at Churwell, near Leeds, in 1845. Removing to Leeds, the boy was sent to a Baptist Sunday school, where he remained until he was nearly thirty years of age, serving for several years as organist of the church. Then he became organist at our old chapel in Bryon Street. Our Church never had a more loyal and devoted member and official than he.

For many years he was organist and choirmaster at Quarry Hill, our mother-chapel in the city. An accomplished musician, in his hands the song-service was a fine, helpful ministry. He had great manly qualities and a rich and happy Christian experience. In the deepest and highest sense of the word, he was spiritually minded.

His integrity in business, his liberality of spirit, his quiet, genial disposition won for him deep respect and confidence. He was generous in his gifts to the church and regular in his attendance at the house of God. For many years, and up to his death on November 26th, 1913, he was the steward of Leeds First Station and trustee of Harehills Church. He held several District offices, and was often delegate to District Meeting and Conference.

His widow and family have infinite consolation in his noble example.



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