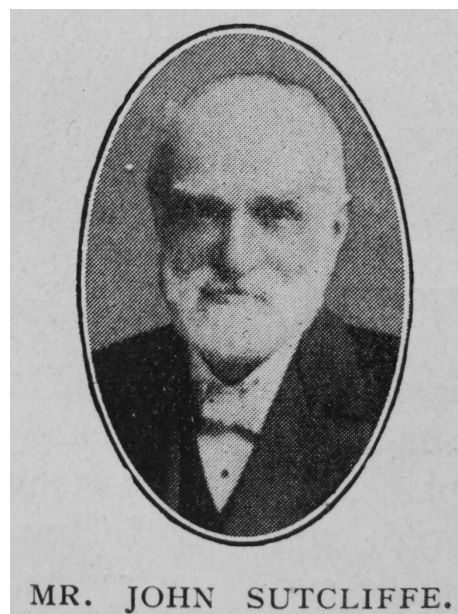


John Sutcliffe

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J. Sutcliffe, of Manchester Sixth Circuit, who passed away on December 12th, 1914, was a layman of the type that is the strength of our Church. Born in 1829 near Todmorden, he was cradled in Primitive Methodism. He became a member and local preacher, and when in 1863 he removed to Manchester, he joined our Church at Upper Moss Lane. Then he, with a few heroic souls, opened a mission which finally became our Great Western Street Church.

There is a sense in which that church and the fine block of property in which it is housed are his true memorial. Almost from the start of the new venture John Sutcliffe was treasurer of the trust, and he lived to see the property wholly freed from debt. He watched with a paternal solicitude over all the affairs of his circuit, and had also the Connexional outlook, the Centenary effort and our missionary work exciting his keenest interest.



As steward of Manchester Sixth Circuit he was a true friend of the ministers, all of whom held him in honour. He loved Primitive Methodism, and delighted in its history and worship. His face, noble in its serenity, was the outward manifestation of a spirit strong and kind, and sure in its hold upon God.

His son and two daughters, one of whom is married to the Rev. W. Wilcock, continue the fine devotion of their father and mother. "The memory of the just smells sweet and blossoms in the dust."

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