

Robert Edge

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The translation of Brother R. Edge to the higher service on September 25th deprived Wolverhampton First Circuit of a most attractive personality, and created universal sorrow. Joining the Wednesfield church in 1856, for over fifty years he was a faithful local preacher, for fifty-three years a worker in the Sunday-school, for eighteen years circuit steward, and secretary of the trust fifty-two years. On six occasions he has represented his circuit in the District Synod, and once attended Conference as a delegate.

He will be remembered for his generosity, his charm of personality, his power in prayer, his love of his Church, his pulpit gifts, and his willingness to work. He derived much joy from the fact that one of his daughters, Mrs. R. Banham, served the kingdom of God as a missionary's wife. Many tributes have been paid to his character. Mr. G.R. Thorne, M.P., mourns the loss of a "good friend." The Rev. R. Jenkins writes:— "He was such a grand man; one of the most genuine fellows I ever had to do with, a Christian gentleman, a man of sterling character." The Rev. J. Shepherd declares "that few men have been more loved, trusted and admired," while the Rev. W. Carrier at the funeral service described Brother Edge as a lovable man, of an optimistic disposition and affectionately devoted to the Church.

A large concourse of people gathered to honour the departed warrior when his remains were laid in the soil of Wednesfield Cemetery. Rev. W. G. Leadbetter, who officiated, received assistance from Revs. W. Carrier and J. Shepherd. A memorial service was also held in our Wednesfield church on October 12th, when the Rev. W.G. Leadbetter paid a high tribute to the character, life and service of the deceased.

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