

## Jabez Hibbs

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In the Manchester District the name of Jabez Hibbs was fragrant. Two days before Christmas the sad news spread round Openshaw that he had been taken with a paralytic stroke, and had passed away. It was a heavy blow, especially to the circuit of which he had been steward for seventeen years, and on which he had filled most positions open to him.

As a preacher he was earnest and very acceptable. As a business man he was widely known and most highly respected; but it was as a disciple of Jesus Christ that he chiefly shone. He was deeply religious; every circumstance of his life was to him a providence, and part of the Father's plan. To say he was a "Hibbs of Bradwell" is to say a great deal to those who know the strain. Born in 1853, he was converted as a boy.

On the wild Monday after Christmas his body was laid to rest till the resurrection morn in a quiet spot in Manchester's most beautiful cemetery. He leaves a widow and eight children, one serving with the Colours, to mourn his loss and carry on his work.



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#### References

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