

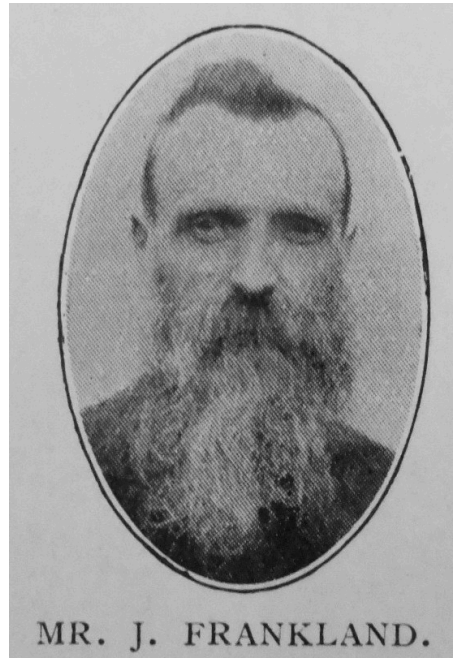
James Frankland

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With the passing of Brother James Frankland, the Lavender Hill Church has lost its oldest and one of its most valued officials, For nearly forty years he shared the toils and vicissitudes of this church.

Born at Beccles (Suffolk) in “the hungry forties,” few educational facilities came his way, but he made the most of them. He grew up in our Sunday School. Ambitious for his Church, he helped with his own hands to demolish the old cottages which occupied the site, and then to erect the Beccles Chapel. Converted in his early teens, when eighteen years of age he became a local preacher.

Removing to London in 1874, he joined the little mission which grew into the Grayshott Road Church. Unanimously chosen as successor to good William May, nothing gave him greater joy in his closing years than the revival of his class meeting. He was an old-fashioned Methodist, with an intense love for his Bible, and a rare gift in prayer, His daily life squared with his profession, and his fellow workmen honoured him for his unostentatious piety. While he never paraded his religion, he always lived it. He rests from his labours and his works follow him.



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