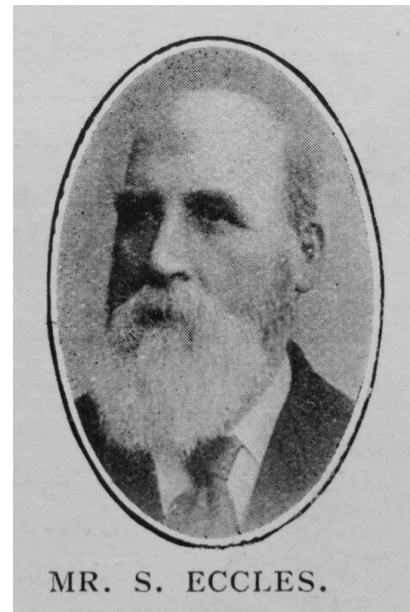


## Samuel Eccles

### Transcription of obituary published in the Primitive Methodist Magazine by G. Armitage

By the lamented death of Mr. "Sam" Eccles another of the few links remaining with the heroic past in Liverpool Primitive Methodism has been broken. Mr. Eccles was born at Eccles, near Manchester, in July 1834, of religious parents. Preaching services were conducted in his home by the revered James Macpherson and William Inman. At 19 years of age he was brought to God, and joined the Barton-on-Humber society in Manchester Third Circuit.

In 1853 he removed to Liverpool for work, but at once sought out his own people, worshipping in the old chapel in Maguire Street, Scotland Road. Mr. Eccles was put on the plan when James Travis travelled on the Circuit, and, in spite of great persecution, for upwards of forty years, indoors and out, it was the joy of his life to preach. The man in the street was attracted by his fine and manly presence, his splendid voice, his courage, and his impassioned proclamation of the "good news" of the Kingdom.



He was a friend of young men in their work for the Church, and William Travis and Professor Humphries, the writer and others can testify to his gracious influences. He filled the offices of Class Leader, Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, but in the Sunday evening prayer meeting he was most in his element when leading penitent souls to Jesus. To the end of his days he regularly attended the sanctuary. He has been rightly described as one of the makers of Liverpool Primitive Methodism, and the Church's loss is great.

He died suddenly on Dec. 6th, rich in Christian experience and full of years and honour. He was interred at Anfield Cemetery by Revs. George Armitage and William Travis. At the memorial service at Boundary Street Rev George Armitage preached.

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