

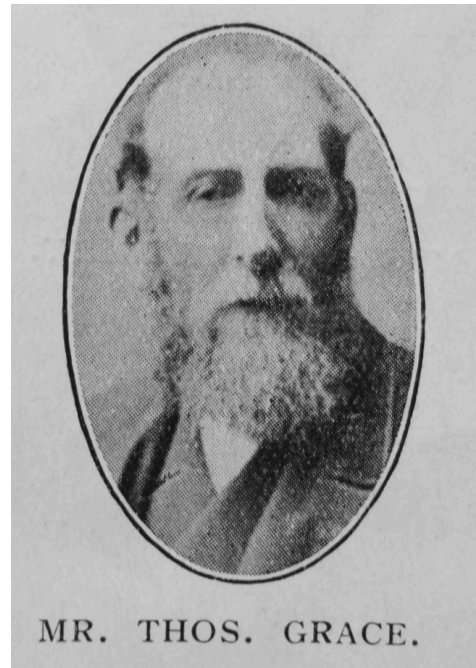
Thomas Grace,

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Thomas Grace was born in Southampton in 1842, and has been closely connected with the town all his life. Converted at the Old Chapel, in St. Mary Street, when about fifteen, he soon afterwards began to preach, and until the time of his departure rendered valuable service as a preacher and lecturer in the town and neighbourhood. His interesting style and expositions always secured' an attentive audience.

For a short period he was in the ministry in the Brinkworth Circuit. At all times unfailingly loyal to his Church, he did much towards the making of the Southampton Circuits. He was greatly valued as an official, and was a trustee for most of our chapels in the First Circuit. Many years ago he became circuit steward. The District also recognised his work, and for many years he held the position of missionary treasurer.

He was a conscientious and generous giver; a man of peace, and a great optimist. Outside our Church his services were greatly valued as a temperance advocate, and he and Canon Wilberforce were often associated on temperance platforms. The name of our brother will long be held in affectionate remembrance and honour. May God sustain and comfort the bereaved.



References

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