

Joseph Smith

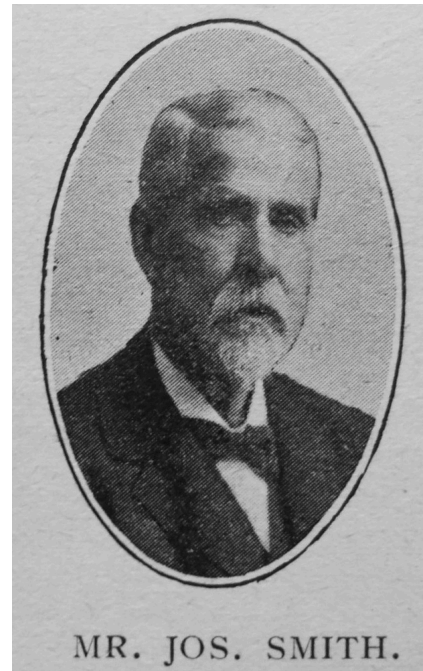
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Joseph Smith, of Stockton-on-Tees, went home to God on February 21st. His three-score years and ten were full of incessant activity. Born in the village of Dunsforth, Yorks, in 1846, his parents were members of the Church for over sixty years. He was converted early in life, and in 1865 the call came to preach the Gospel, a work in which he ever rejoiced and excelled.

In 1866 our friend removed to Stockton, and for fifty years was closely allied with all our work. Intensely loyal and devoted, he loved his Church with a passionate love. With credit he filled many offices: Sunday school teacher, superintendent, local preacher for over fifty years, class leader and circuit steward. He was greatly at home in the Sunday night prayer meeting, and regular in attendance on the means of grace until prevented by failing health. In the affairs of the district he commanded a place, and for many years served as an official, being also delegate to District Meeting and Conference several times. Many know his kindly hospitality.

In his family he found great joy; two sons are in the teaching profession and one a minister in Canada. Many sorrows he suffered, but strength he drew from the unfailing sources of God. His last illness was borne with triumph and Christian fortitude. In joy and faith he passed to the Unseen.

His remains were laid to rest in Oxbridge Cemetery on February 24th.



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