

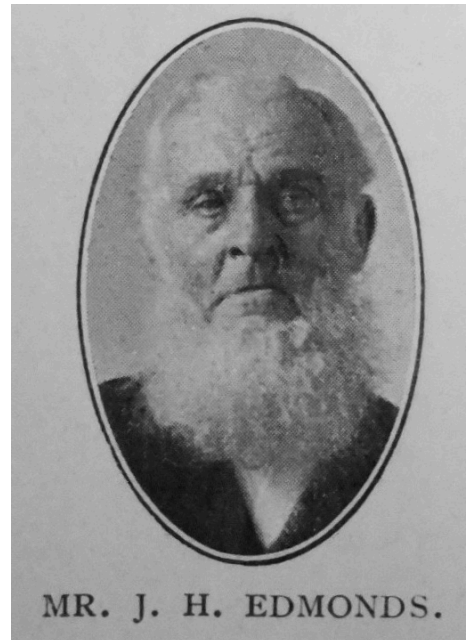
Joseph Henry Edmonds

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In the passing of Bro. Joseph H. Edmonds, of Cradley Heath, October 21st, 1913, our Church has lost a veteran who served as class leader over fifty years and local preacher over forty years, rendering enthusiastic and successful service. Born at Cradley Heath 1st June, 1830, he was converted under the famous ministry of Rev. Henry Higginson at the age of nineteen, and seemed to catch the spirit of his spiritual father. Bro. Edmonds soon found opportunities for prayer and speech in the Methodist prayer meeting and class meeting, which were then realities and powerful, and his soul entered into these opportunities, and he found enlargement and enrichment in service.

Mr. William Tibbetts, a name still with us in strength and blessing, gathered the young converts together for supplication and meditation. In these meetings Brother Edmonds was prepared and inspired for the greater work of his life, and from this training he went forth to preach to others, in his own language, the gospel he knew to be the power of God unto salvation.

For many years he was a leader of our Church and occupied our pulpits in many parts of the country. His dominant note was salvation by faith in Christ, and his expectation was immediate results. He delivered his message with passion and expected acceptance and surrender. His work is done, but results remain. The class of men to which Mr. Edmonds belonged links us to the past of another church order and character. The things that made them great and successful are the needs of all time, and we must give earnest heed to these things lest we let them slip and lose the spirit and the power for renewing men.



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