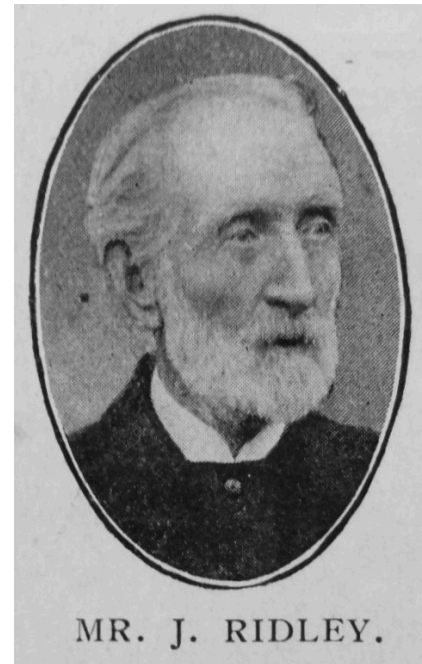


John Ridley

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On December 22nd, 1911, Bro. John Ridley peacefully entered the "Homeland." Never robust, our brother for some years past had only been able to pay occasional visits to our chapel at Henshaw, where for over half-a-century he had faithfully fulfilled the duties of Society Steward.

Born at Corbridge, Bro. Ridley came to Henshaw about sixty years ago. From the first he identified himself with our Society at that place, and during these long years he has been most diligent in serving the Church. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man with a heart as tender as a woman's. For years he and his good wife, who predeceased him some years ago, spent much of their time nursing the sick and in many ways alleviating the sufferings of their fellow villagers. The troubled ones never hesitated to solicit his help, for they knew he would never disappoint them. He was more than respected by those who knew him—he was loved.



Our Henshaw Church owes much to Bro. Ridley, and we do not exaggerate when we say that it stands as a monument to his patient fidelity and religious intensity. And how he loved his Church, and how proud he was of it. He cared for it as though it was his own. For Circuit and Connexional honours he had no appetite, yet his interests were not parochial; he could see beyond the Henshaw Church. He never forgot the claims of the Church as a whole, and always gave generously to connexional funds.

The funeral took place on Sunday, Dec. 24th. The first part of the service was held in our own chapel, which was crowded by those who came to show their respect to his memory.

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