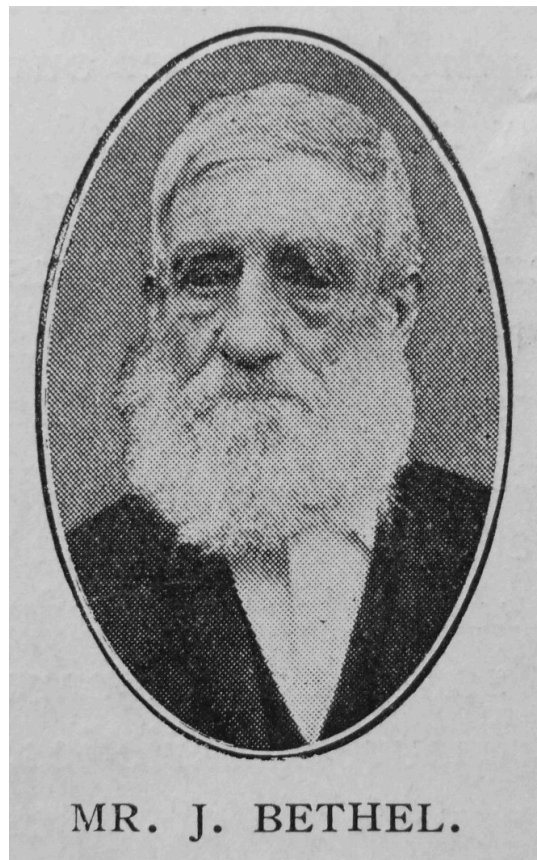


John Bethel

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On August 28th, 1914, John Bethel, "the grand old man" of Stocksbridge, passed away at the age of eighty-seven years. Upwards of fifty years ago he came to Stocksbridge from Stalybridge, and at once associated with our Church, displaying the deepest interest in all its affairs, both financial and spiritual.

In 1865, when the present chapel was built, he became a trustee, and with the aid of Mrs. Bethel for many years did the duties of caretaker free of all charge. A class leader for many years, his deep piety made the class meeting a veritable means of grace. He was Sunday school superintendent for a long period, and took deep interest in the Band of Hope and other temperance organisations. His life told mightily for good amongst his fellow workmen. He was interred at Bolsterstone Church, August 31st, 1914.



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