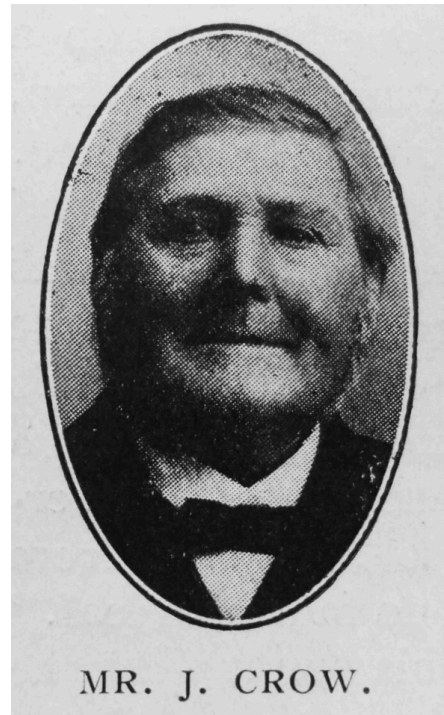


John Crow

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In the death of Mr. John Crow on February 2nd in his eighty-eighth year, there passed from us another link with early Primitive Methodism. He was converted and became a member of our Church in 1842. In 1843 he became a local preacher in the Ludlow Circuit and threw himself with enthusiasm into Christian work. He laboured with such marked success that his own Circuit employed him as missionary and many people were converted.

In 1847 Bro. Crow was called to assist the Rev. John Ride in London, and about this time he entered the regular ministry. He travelled on the following Circuits with much acceptance and prosperity: Dover and Deal, Driffield, Gainsborough, Eakring, Doncaster, Grimsby, Barton-on-Humber and Loughborough. He had the joy of seeing great revivals of four of these stations. In common with many of our early ministers, Mr. Crow had to face bitter opposition, prejudice and persecution.



Bro. Crow enjoyed the personal friendship of the venerable Hugh Bourne, and conducted services along with him. Through ill-health caused by sleeping in a damp bed he was compelled to retire from the active ministry in 1860, but up to his death he remained in membership with the Doncaster First Circuit, and preached occasionally as health permitted.

His trust in Christ was very strong and triumphant to the last. A short service was held in our Hexthorpe Church, and then the body was laid to rest in the Doncaster Cemetery, the Rev. J.W. Pattinson conducting the services.

He is at home with Christ, which is far better.

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