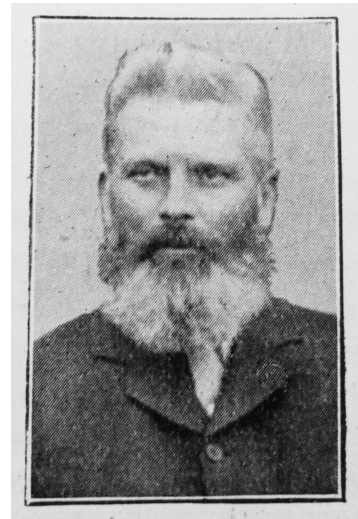


## Charles Cooper

### Transcription of Obituary in the Primitive Methodist Magazine by John W. Fish

Mr. Charles Cooper was born at Black Bourton in 1842. When only a child he was sent to work in the fields and received but little education. Converted at seventeen years of age, his exceptional gifts were at once recognised by the officials, and he was soon called to the work of preaching. Such were his pulpit abilities and so earnest and impassioned his preaching, that his services were in great demand far beyond his own circuit. Under his appeals many were brought to penitence who were not easily moved.



He read much, especially in Methodist theology and biography, and was well acquainted with the history and polity of our Church. A true and generous friend, he warmly welcomed both ministers and local preachers, and he and his wife found the greatest pleasure in their conversation on the things of God. An ardent politician and temperance advocate, he hated oppression and injustice, and vehemently denounced them. His rugged oratory made him an acceptable platform speaker, and his fearless advocacy of the cause of the people often brought him into trouble; but having nailed his colours to the mast he was undaunted by loss of business or patronage.

His illness was but of a few days' duration. A cold was followed by pneumonia and he rapidly sank. To the writer he said a few days before he passed away, he was going home. He leaves a widow who deeply mourns her loss, but is seeking to follow in his steps; his five children, one of whom is a useful and promising local preacher on the Farringdon Circuit, are all in membership with us. His funeral was largely attended and all the churches in the neighbourhood were represented. Revs. J.W. Fish and J.L. Morris conducted the service and the former officiated at an impressive memorial service the following Sunday week. The departure of our dear brother has created a profound sense of loss throughout the circuit, but he is not dead but sleepeth.

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