

## **William Baitson,(1833-1867)**

### **Transcription of obituary published in the Minutes of Conference by John D Dinnick**

WILLIAM BAITSON was born at Broomfleet in the parish of South Cave, in the county of York, February 5th, 1833, and was "born again" May 19th, 1849, while attending a class-meeting of the Wesleyans. He at once joined this body, but not feeling at home during the Reform agitation, after much prayer he united with the Primitive Methodists, where he remained till his death.

He made his first attempt to preach at South Cave in January, 1852. His name soon afterwards appeared on the preachers' plan of the Hull First Circuit. In the year 1855 he was called by the General Missionary Committee into the regular work of the Christian ministry, and laboured with success on the following Stations: Hammersmith, Canterbury, Walworth, Reading, Ryde, Newport, Torquay, and at Hammersmith a second time, where he finished the work God gave him to do. In each of these Stations his labours were blessed of God.

He was a useful and zealous minister, having the interests of the Connexion at heart, and the glory of God in view in the conversion of souls. His health was never of a robust character; and within the last twelve months it was apparent to those with whom he came in contact that he was fast hastening to the house appointed to all living. Medical skill, change of air, cessation from labour for a period, were resorted to in the hope that these, with God's blessing, would be the means of restoring health and strength, but all proved ineffectual. He who seeth not as man seeth called him from this world of woe and pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

A little before one o'clock on the morning of December 27th, 1867, without a struggle or a groan, he entered into rest in the 34th year of his age and twelfth of his ministry, leaving an affectionate and devoted wife to mourn her loss. His remains were interred in the Brompton Cemetery, January 2nd, 1868, and were followed by a vast number of ministers and friends; and his death was improved in the evening of the same day in the Hammersmith Chapel, by the Rev. J. Toulson, of Canterbury.

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#### References

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