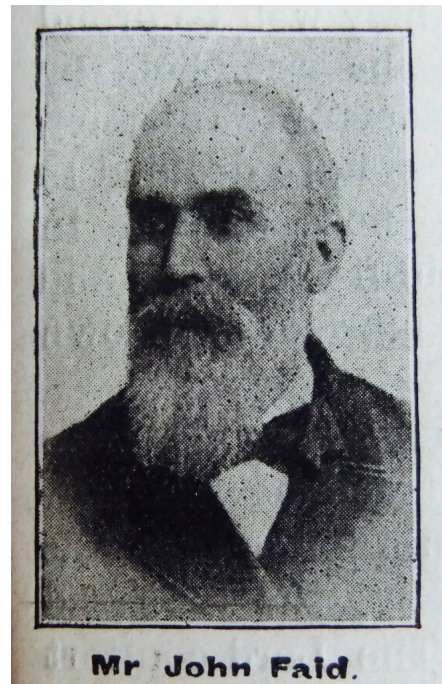


John Faid

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In the death of Mr. John Faid, on October 5th, 1903, the Greenock Church experienced the heaviest blow that has fallen upon it during its history. For the past 20 years he had been so intimately associated with all the Church's operations, that, humanly speaking the loss at present seems irreparable. John Faid was converted at the age of 14 years, and ever since that time he held on his way rejoicing. For many years he was connected with our Church in South Shields and did a grand work for the Master there, seeing many souls converted through his instrumentality. In the providence of God, Mr. Faid removed to Greenock in 1883. Never perhaps was the hand of God more plainly seen than in this removal. Our Greenock Church at that time was feeble in numbers and heavily burdened with financial difficulties. The coming of Mr. John Faid was like a breath of new life breathed into the Society. He at once, and quite naturally, took a leading place in the Church, and held that place with constantly increasing influence until the day of his death. Long years of struggle followed for the Greenock Church after Mr. Faid came amongst the people, but he never faltered, and never lost heart. The difficulties at times were enough to dismay the strongest faith; but through all our departed brother looked forward with confident hopes of brighter days coming. And he lived to see the brighter days, and rejoice in them for a short season, and then God took him home. Our brother filled the positions of local preacher, class leader, society steward, and seat steward, and served all these offices faithfully and well. Whoever else failed he was at his post, unless absolutely unable. As an official he was, from long experience, a power in all the official meetings of his Church. He was one of those who was just as full of the Spirit of God in the week night service of his own church as in the greatest Conference meeting. He lived in constant touch with his Lord. When the call came he was fully prepared and needed not to set his house in order. He was amongst those who are found watching. We laid his body to rest in the Greenock Cemetery on Thursday, October 8th. Large numbers of friends attended the funeral, among whom were many of the ministers of the North British District, for our brother Faid was widely respected and deeply beloved. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. G.C. Goodall, and the Rev. F.J. Sainty gave a short address at the graveside. And so we left the body of our dear brother until the resurrection morn. But he has only gone from us for a little while. We say farewell, "till the day break."

C.C. GOODALL.



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