

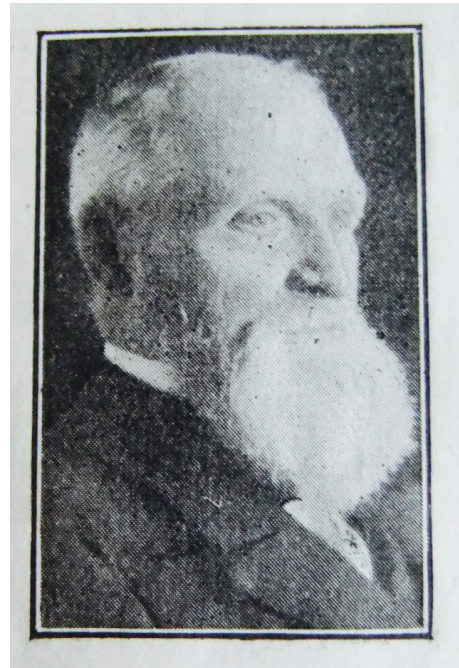
John Parker

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The Houghton-le-Spring Circuit and the North of England have suffered a great loss by the death of John Parker, of Newbottle. He went to fulfil an engagement at the Glebe, South Shields, on Sunday, August 12th, when he preached in the evening with great freedom and power from the text, "He is not here, for He is risen." On the Monday, after rising from his bed, he suddenly passed away to his home above.

The funeral took place on Thursday, August 16th, and was attended by a large concourse of people. The Rev. G. Armstrong gave an appropriate address, and Revs. R. Watson, W. Duffield, E.N. Pittwood and J. Tweddle took part in the service, while a large number of letters were received from ministers and laymen who could not be at the funeral.

Mr. Parker was born at West Cramlington, in the Seaton Delaval Circuit, in 1842, and attended school until he was ten years of age, when he commenced work in the coal mine.



In 1847 the family removed to Haswell, and from thence to Easington Lane, each time on account of strikes that occurred.

He attributed his conversion at eighteen years of age to the godly example and holy living of his parents. Some five years after he became a local preacher and evangelist, in which service he enjoyed much success. His first mission was held at Philadelphia, when the late John Thirtle was converted.

As a lecturer he rendered great service, his lecture on "Blocks" being a happy setting forth of the characteristics of numbers of Christians.

He went about his work in a quiet, unostentatious manner, but did it in a most impressive and effective way. As a man he was kindly, sympathetic, and deeply spiritual. No person could hear him pray without realising that he lived near the throne of grace. He once represented the Hetton Circuit in a District Meeting at Carlisle, and acted as delegate to Conference at Scarborough, where he preached at the Camp Meeting to a large company.

Our friend has finished his work on earth and has entered the service of those who die in the Lord and whose works follow them.

J. TWEDDLE

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