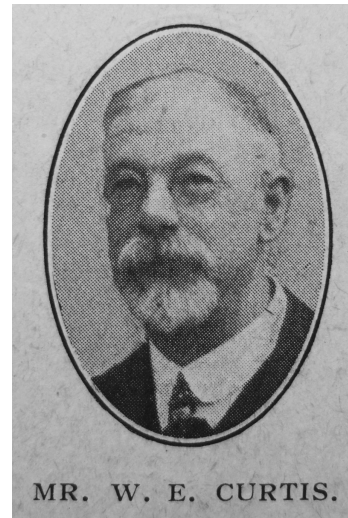


## W.E. Curtis

### Transcription of obituary published in the Primitive Methodist Magazine by George Armitage

The death of Mr. W.E. Curtis, of our Hamilton Road Church, West Norwood, removes from London Primitive Methodism one of its historic figures, and one of its most devoted and well known workers. For fifty-four years Mr. Curtis conducted the service of song at the famous Metropolitan Tabernacle missionary meeting. Born in Canterbury in the year 1846, though of a Primitive Methodist family, he became a member of the cathedral choir, where he received his musical training. In 1861 the family removed to London, and Mr. Curtis entered the firm of Messrs. I. and R. Morley, hosiery manufacturers. For forty-one years he rendered faithful service, whence he retired with a pension. His first association with London Primitive Methodists was at East Street, Walworth, then at Hamilton Road, Gipsy Hill, where his connection was unbroken and that of his saintly wife until the day of their death. He served in turn as school superintendent, trustee, Society steward, treasurer, local preacher, choir master and circuit steward. It is difficult to think of Hamilton Road Church without the presence of our brother. Fidelity, reliability, integrity and lowly piety characterised him. For some months he was in failing health, and quietly passed into the presence of his Lord on February 19th, 1920. On the following Tuesday, the interment was conducted by the Rev. George Armitage, who also gave an address in the chapel, the Revs. W.M. Kelley, A Goodacre, W.R. Bird, and A Warcop taking part in the service. He was laid to rest in the Norwood Cemetery.



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