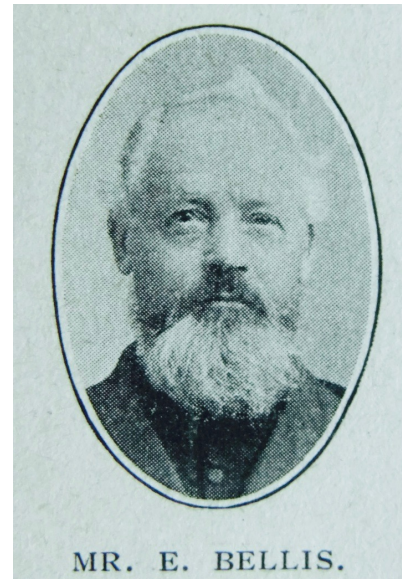


Edward Bellis

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In the death of Edward Bellis, which occurred on February 8th, there has been removed from our midst the "Father" of the Buckley Circuit. Had he lived another six days he would have reached the advanced age of ninety-two. He was converted when the village of Penyffordd was first missioned in 1852; he immediately attached himself to the cause, and identified himself with all its interests. For seventy years he laboured there with unabated zeal and enthusiasm, and the society to-day owes an unspeakable debt to his loyal, diligent and spiritual services. He was a local preacher for sixty-eight years, and he served the circuit with great acceptance. In the early history of the station he was one who helped to mission villages where to-day we have thriving societies. As a preacher in our pulpits and at the camp meetings he was everywhere welcomed, and his earnest and passionate ministrations were abundantly blessed. He taught in the Sunday school, was an ideal class leader for long years, and had unique aptitudes for visiting the people. He not only regularly visited the members and friends of his own society, but also at several places on the circuit, and in this way did untold good. He was a noble type of the old-time Primitive Methodist, and was greatly beloved throughout the circuit, where his name will be like ointment poured forth for many years to come. In the unavoidable absence of the circuit ministers, the Rev. J.E. Phillipson (a former minister) officiated at the funeral on Monday, February 13th, and on Sunday, February 19th, the Rev. C. Moore conducted an impressive memorial service in the Penyfford Church.

C. MOORE.



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