

Obituary for Joseph Leighton – brother of William Leighton
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Joseph Leighton died at Ballast-hills, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, aged fifty-four years. When the Primitive Methodists first missioned Ballast-hills in 1821, he and many others were attracted by their earnestness and simplicity, and he became one of the members of the first class formed by Mr. Clowes and the Messrs. Nelson, and he retained his membership till the day of his death. When a Sabbath-school was commenced in 1829, our departed brother became one of its teachers, which school continues to be one of the largest and most flourishing in the North of England. He retained all his original simplicity of manner; he loved plain preaching, lively singing, and short praying, and was opposed to all innovations. He appeared to be in the enjoyment of excellent health a few days before his death, and was evidently making progress in religion. His end was sudden. The night before he died he left his house to attend to some business, and within an hour had fallen in the street in a fit of apoplexy, and was conveyed home speechless, and by ten o'clock the next morning he had departed this life, leaving a wife and four children, an aged mother and others to lament their loss. Happily, they do not mourn as those without hope.

William Leighton