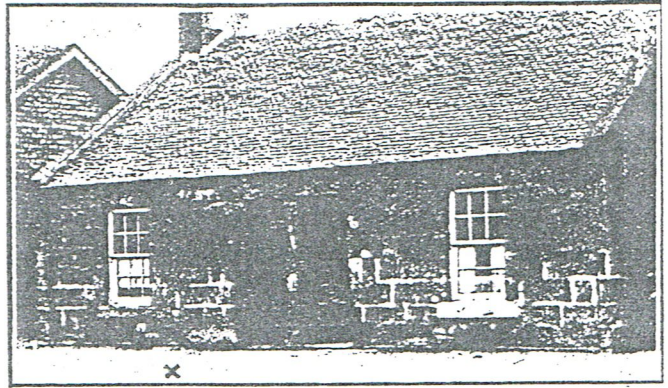


MOSSEND METHODISM.



HOUSE WHERE FIRST MEETING WAS HELD, 1849.

Residence of Mrs. Mair.

One Wednesday evening in 1849 a few people gathered in the cottages of Mrs Mair and Mrs Price, in Mossend. It is not remarkable in itself since such gatherings are always common in an industrial area. Casual passers-by noticed something unusual in this event. The women were attired in their best bonnets and the men wore their shifting clothes. Comments were passed upon this event for the people were known in the district. It was no ordinary meeting but one which was destined to live long in the memories of those who were present and to mark a new phase of religious activity and enthusiasm in the district.

In December the name of Mossend appears on the Calderbank Circuit Plan and this was really the beginning of the Mossend Society, and the cause of many hopes and many fears. Mighty causes have simple beginnings, but few mighty causes have had simpler beginnings than this.