

MR. RICHARD ELLMER.

1814-1902

Richard Ellmer was born at Swinefleet during the year 1814, and was permitted to linger in this mortal life for the long space of eighty-eight years. This spiritual birth took place at Belton, in Epworth Circuit, about the year 1843. We are informed that he sometimes spoke of his mother's prayers, as having good influence over him, but apart from this we know not what was the human instrumentality leading up to his conversion. Of the genuineness of his conversion there can be no doubt, because the change in his spirit and conduct was apparent. Prior to becoming a Christian it is said that he lived a very wicked life; but afterwards was highly respected as a truthful, honest and sincere Christian.

His spheres of Christian labour were numerous, and we believe in each he did great good and especially as local preacher and class leader. As class leader he was regular in attendance, and very solicitous concerning the spiritual condition of his flock. As a local preacher he was in labours abundant, often travelling far afield, and amidst revival glory tarrying very late, having long distances to walk home amidst inclement weather.

His last sermon was preached about ten weeks prior to his decease, and evinced the same earnest spirit that was so common during his earlier years.

The last word that he was heard to utter was "Jesus." His remains were interred in the graveyard of Kimberworth on May 3rd, 1902, there to await the resurrection of the just.

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