

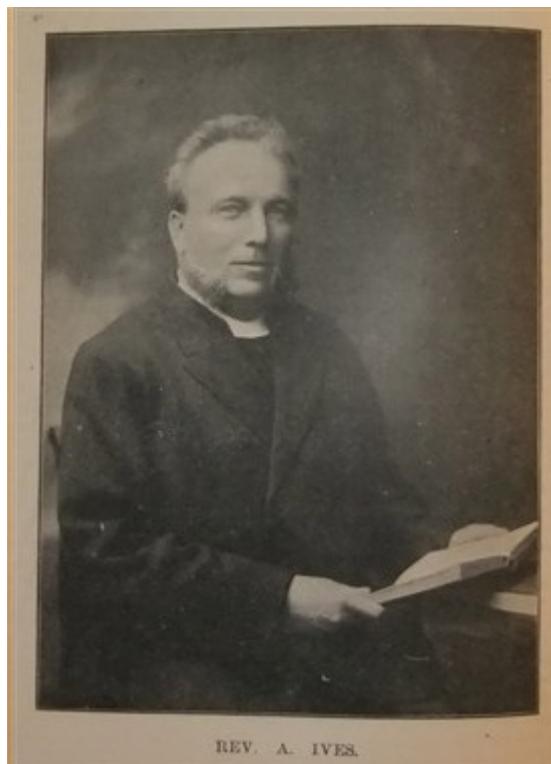
## ALFRED IVES

Alfred was born abt 1840 at Northampton

He entered the Primitive Methodist ministry in 1867.

Alfred married Sarah Ann Mason in 1876 in Leicester. They had one child

Alfred died on 11 March 1918 at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset



The following newspaper records give substance to his ministry. For further detail see::

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### NEW MINISTER

The Rev A. Ives, after labouring most acceptably and successfully in London for the last two years, where he won the confidence and admiration of a large circle of friends who deeply regretted his removal, has come to labour as a minister in the Leighton Buzzard circuit.

The three able and admirable sermons he preached on Sunday highly gratified his numerous hearers.

The Primitive Methodists welcome so gifted and zealous a minister from the metropolis amongst them in Leighton, and trust his ministry will be tidily and abundantly blessed to many.

(Leighton Buzzard Observer and Linslade Gazette - Tuesday 27 July 1869)

### NEWPORT PAGNEL MISSIONARY MEETING AT EMBERTON

The first Missionary Meeting ever in Emberton, in connection with the Primitive Methodist Home and Foreign Missions, took place on Wednesday evening, November 23rd.

The Rev. A. Ives (deputation) gave an address on the formation, extent, and operations of the above society, in which it was stated that during the past year five missionaries had been sent out under the auspices of the society - three to Africa and two to Canada, the African field being an entirely new one to Primitive Methodist agents. Already, cheering news had been received of the progress of the work of God at Fernando Po; and both at home and abroad the calls for more labourers were great and pressing.

The rev. gentleman concluded by saying that no church could be a really prosperous and successful church, that failed to cultivate a missionary spirit, and that with very great propriety it might still be said "The best of all is, God is with us."

(Birmingham Advertiser and Free Press - Saturday 03 December 1870)

### SALFORD Primitive Methodist band of Hope

On Friday February 21st this increasing and very energetic Band of Hope held a tea and public meeting. At half past three o'clock the members were provided with tea, after which the public sat down to a very excellent repast.....

At about seven o'clock, a public meeting was opened by the chairman the Rev A Ives of Croydon, by giving out the hymn "By providence and Grace". After which Mr C Ingwood engaged in prayer. The Chairman, who, it may be said, is looked upon as the great temperance reformer, not only of this, but the surrounding villages, then rose and made a few opening remarks which were received with total cheers. He then called on the Rev G Austin of Newport Pagnell to address the meeting. ....

The Rev Ives again arose and, in his usual eloquent and racy style, strongly, but affectionately, advocated the cause of temperance by stating what the religion of Jesus, combined with the principles of temperance would do if rightly developed among the young, and, in a most pathetic manner, urged all present to do their best to help in such a noble cause. The rev gentleman sat down among loud and repeated applause. ....

After the usual votes of thanks had been given, this interesting, and, we believe, profitable meeting was closed by singing "Strike, Strike, for Victory" and the offering of a prayer.

(Leighton Buzzard Observer and Linslade Gazette - Tuesday 04 March 1873)

The Rev Alfred Ives had not passed his examinations satisfactorily, and one year was added to his probation. It was resolved to send him a letter urging him to closer application to study.

(Leeds Mercury - Tuesday 11 June 1872)

It was found that one of the candidates, the Rev Alfred Ives, had come below the minimum in his last examination; but as he had been successful on all his stations, he was admitted to the approved list.

(Bradford Observer - Monday 09 June 1873)

### PRESENTATION TO THE REV A IVES

Mr Ives, Primitive Methodist minister, Wrexham circuit, being about to leave Wrexham for London First circuit, to which he has been appointed by Conference, many of the friends, members and officials of this station were anxious to give a tangible proof of their appreciation of his character and valuable services rendered during his short but successful ministry; hence an excellent tea was provided for the friends on Saturday last in the best Market chapel, Wrexham when a goodly number sat down.

After tea a very affecting but highly profitable meeting was held. Mr E Davies, Plas Main farm, occupied the chair. After a few remarks from the chairman, he called upon Mr A Lee, Circuit Steward, to make the presentation which consisted of a purse containing £13 5s. The following address was then read by Mr Lee:-

*"Dear Brother Ives. I present you on behalf of the officials and members of the circuit, as well as a number of friends, this purse and its contents as a token of the respect and esteem in which you are held by us and as a small acknowledgement of the service rendered to this station during the painful and trying period you have laboured amongst us. Praying God may ever prosper you in your work of faith and labour of love"*

Mr Ives replied to the address in a very touching manner. ....

The meeting was next addressed by Mr A Timberlake who spoke in high terms of the services of Mr Ives. After a few remarks from the chairman, and a vote of thanks being to the friends who had got up the tea and testimonial, the meeting terminated.

Mr Ives preached his farewell sermon in the Best Market chapel on Sunday evening last to a crowded congregation who were much affected.

Mr Ives was an earnest worker in the temperance cause during the seven months he has been in Wrexham and he leaves with the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

(Wrexham Advertiser - Saturday 11 July 1874)

## A VIGOROUS PROTEST FROM A MINISTER

The application of Mr. Henry Wells for the removal of the licence from the Grenadier. Church road, Leyton, to the King Harold was granted.

The Rev. A. Ives, minister of a Primitive Methodist Chapel, occupying site opposite the King Herold, rose in the body of the court and asked to be heard. He said it would be a greet calamity if the application was granted.

The Chairman : We cannot hear you now. The matter hes been fully considered.

Mr. Ives This property of ours was bought some time ago, and—

The Chairman : If you insist upon speaking it is no use my talking. The bench fully considered this matter and the premises were viewed.

Mr Ives; : Then you have inflicted a very great blow on me and my congregation. it is a very sad thing. I really do think you should allow me to explain a few matters-.

Mr Howard: You should have attended to oppose when the application was made.

Mr Ives: We were represented by a gentleman, btu I am very sorry to say he did not do us justice.

The Chairmen said they could not immediately upon giving a decision hear reasons advanced for the reversal of the decision.

Mr. Ives:: Lppk at the injustice you inflict noon us and the rcallamity that will happen to this congregation and myself personalty. This church was there some years before the public house was built, and we are under a covenant to build a permanent church. We are a congregation of working people that we hsve as much right to protection as if the Lord Bishop of London or the Archbishop of Canterbury were here to oppose this thing. The house will be a resort for !excursions to Epping Forest on the Sabbath day, and imagine when we are in church the effect of the noise of a lot of drunken people swearing just opposite ---

The Chairman again appealed to Mr.Ives not to waste the time of the court.

Mr. Ives: Why should a wealthy brewer be allowed to come and bring a nuisance to our very door ?

The Chairman pointed out that legal notice was given of the application, the opposition to the application was heard, and a committee viewed the premises.

Mr. Ives : Have we no right as a congregation and have I no right as a minister ?

The Chairman: You should have appeared here on the licensing day.

Mr. Forrest Fulton, who appeared for the applicant, said the application was opposed by a barrister.

Mr. Ives: You simply mean ruin to my congregation and myself, and must enter my protest against it.

The Chairman: You have entered your protest.

Mr. Ives: Cannot it be adjourned?

The Chairman: It is settled beyond revoke.

Mr. Ives: It is a very sad case - a dreadful one; you have inflicted a venal blow.

The Chairman: You have the power of opposing before the Confirming Committee.

Mr. Ives: Can I appear rpersonally? I would rather appear than any solicitor. I have no faith in them.  
[laughter.]

The Chairman: If you really wish to proceed with this you had better apply to the clerk of the Peace and ascertain the day the committee will sit and the steps you should take.

(Chelmsford Chronicle - Friday 30 September 1887)

## THE REV. ALFRED IVES.

This gentleman, who has undertaken the superintendence of the Primitive Methodist Connection Circuit in Hastings, was recently presented by his former people at Leyton with a purse of gold and an Address on vellum, enclosed in a handsome morocco cover. Mr. Ives was also the recipient of several other individual presentations.

(Hastings and St Leonards Observer - Saturday 19 July 1890)

### AYLESBURY PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. RECOGNITION OF THE PASTOR.

The services at the Primitive Methodist Church, Aylesbury, on Sunday assumed a twofold character. In the first place, they were a formal recognition of Rev. A. Ives as the new superintendent; secondly, the celebration of the anniversary of the Sunday Schools. The services in the morning, afternoon, and evening, were of a very encouraging character, an overflow service being found necessary in conjunction with that in the evening.

In the morning the new Pastor preached from 2 Chron. xxxiv. v 2, 3. He delivered an eloquent address in the afternoon, entitled "Young evils in young life," and in the evening his text was from St. Matthew xviii. 4.

On Monday evening a public meeting was held at which there was a good attendance.....

..... The Rev. A. Ives, in addressing the meeting, said he was very pleased with the services of the previous day, and he was sure that the tone of that meeting was everything that could be desired. In coming amongst them he did not want to make rash statements. and he wanted to be slow in making promises, and as ready as possible to perform them when made. He did not wish to make a wrong impression at the outset of his ministry. He did not profess to know everything, and he did not pretend to understand all that came before him in every-day life: but he did try to understand his business, which was the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was right that a minister of the Gospel should be a humble man. They wanted the people to pray for them, and he believed from his experience of Aylesbury people that they would do that for him, for as they were aware there was hard work before him both there and in the villages. Amongst the many "ologies" of the day there ought to be such thing as "footology" and "plodology" - both of which he meant to bring into force. He referred to Bucks as one of the historical battlefields of Nonconformity. He believed in civil and religions liberty, and he had come into that town with an intense desire to be friendly with all who loved the Master. He was very pleased with the welcome the ministers of the other denominations of the town had given him. He hoped that "Redemption" - would be the keynote of his ministry. He had decided that if God spared his life he would spend and be spent in the service of his Master, and he believed that the Holy Ghost would place his Seal upon such a ministry. If they would only rally round and support him, pray for and give him their love, with God's help they would prosper. After referring to the work in the villages, he said that if they all worked together in God's name they would have circles of blessing around them. (Applause)

(Bucks Herald - Saturday 17 July 1897)

### PRIMITIVE METHODIST MISSIONS.

The annual meeting in connection with the Leighton branch of the Primitive Methodist Home, Foreign, and Colonial Missionary Society was held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Monday evening in last week. There was a fair attendance. Mr. J. Wilson presided, and he was supported by the Rev. A. Ives (deputation of the Society). the Rev. T. Reeve, and the Rev. E. Alford. ....

The Rev. T. Reeve made, a speech dealing with home mission work, and also gave a narrative of his work in Leighton as town missionary.

The Rev. A. Ives followed, and urged the claims of the Society to their support. He thought, he said, that they ought not to doubt of the ultimate success of their work. They did not ask whether it was right by Act of Parliament. They went higher than that. They read that our Lord himself said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." That commission, he believed, would never be revoked until all the ransomed church of God were saved to sin no more. They saw that there was great need for missionary enterprise when they remembered that out of 1,506 millions of people 796 millions were heathen.

Mr. Ives spoke of the growth of the Society, and said with regard to its spiritual work it was admitted it had been wondrous. Their ambition was to labour so that all England might be won to Christ.

The speaker went on to declare that the denomination was doing and had done good work for temperance. He said the work of the Primitive Methodists did not depend upon State assistance. They relied upon the people. If the people failed they failed. They never had, and he did not think they would. No matter how poor they were they had advanced them in this work.

Dealing with the foreign missionary work of the society Mr. Ives said it began at the island of Fernando Po, in a stronghold of Spanish Jesuits. They had other settlements, and they hoped to take their share in the christianising of Africa.

Mr. John Wilson followed with an anecdotal speech, and the proceedings shortly afterwards closed in the usual manner.

(Leighton Buzzard Observer and Linslade Gazette - Tuesday 23 November 1897)

## WELCOME TO THE REV. ALFRED IVES AT REDHILL

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held on Monday week in the Primitive Methodist church, Redhill, to welcome the Rev Alfred Ives the newly-appointed superintendent minister. The rev. gentleman has laboured for the past three years with remarkable success in the Sheerness circuit; so much so that great efforts were made to retain his services. The Redhill circuit feel very fortunate in securing so able a successor to the Rev C. Harrison.

The meeting was presided over by the Circuit Steward (Mr W. Vosper) who was supported by the Revs Currie Martin (Reigate Congregational), J.M.E Ross (Redhill Presbyterian), G. Davies (Redhill Baptist), and W.T. Healey (Junior Circuit Minister).

The Rev. Currie Martin in a very interesting address, heartily welcomed Mr Ives into the District. He also urged the members to be loyal to their new minister, even when they did not agree with him on all points.

The Rev J.M.E. Ross said that during his residence in the district he had met with much kindness from the Free Churches, and he believed that Mr Ives would also be heartily welcomed by all the Churches. He concluded a very able address by urging all the members to be united and help their new minister in his responsible work.

The Rev G Davies spoke on the necessity of devotion in Christian work. If all the Primitive Methodists were devoted, he assured Mr Ives he would have a very successful ministry.

The Rev. W.T. Healey in quoting the words of Lord Rosebery in which he said "he must plough his furrow alone", remarked that they must not let Mr Ives plough his furrow alone, they must help him in every way. The triumphs of the Christian Church were not achieved by ministers alone, but by ministers who were followed by a consecrated people.

Mr Learner, who represented the lay preachers, urged all the friends to pray for their new minister and not to criticise him.

Words of welcome were next spoken by all the Stewards of the Churches in the Circuit.

The Rev Alfred Ives, upon rising to reply, was received with the greatest enthusiasm. In the course of a very fine address, he said he felt keenly the responsibility placed upon him, for it was no light thing to superintend five churches. Referring to his preaching, the rev gentleman said he had not come to preach negatives but affirmatives. His work would be largely, indeed primarily, a religious work. In the past he had had the joy of seeing hundreds added to the Church, and under God's blessing he hoped to see similar triumphs in this circuit. He thanked them all for their kind words of welcome.

The meeting closed by singing the Doxology.

(Surrey Mirror - Tuesday 30 July 1901)