

## WILLIAM SIDEBOTTOM

**William was born in Bradford in June 1848.**

**Following the completion of his probationary period as a Primitive Methodist minister in 1873, he took up his first assignment in Wellingborough Northants.**

**Very little is known of his ministry before before moving on to Biggleswade, in 1875:-**

### BIGGLESWADE - *Primitive Methodist Chapel.*

On Tuesday evening last, the Rev T Penrose, of Reading delivered a very interesting lecture in this chapel on "*My visit to america*". The chair was taken by the Rev W Sidebottom, the resident minister, who in a very few words, introduced the lecturer.

Though the lecture was advertised as being "*a very interesting lecture*", somehow it did not attract a very large audience, and the collection at thwe close didn't amount to much.

Those who were present joined in a vote of thanks to Mr Penrose.

(Cambridge Independent Press 4 December 1875)

**William spent two years in Maidenhead from June 1876 to 1878 before moving to Whitstable:**

### ALBERT STREET CHAPEL

Miss Patenall preached at the above place of worship on Sunday last to numerous congregations. and on Monday evening the same lady delivered a lecture on "*The temperance question in the light of dietetics and the health laws.*" Collections were made in aid of the chapel funds

Miss Patenall introduced her excellent lecture by stating that the temperance question was a many sided one, the moralist, the political economist, and the physiologist each looking at it from a different stand-point

Alcohol contained only one element of food. viz., the carbonaceous; and carbon could be obtained in better ways than this. The lecturer advocated the entire abstinence from tobacco, tea, coffee. fleslimeat, drugs, salt and spiced condiments as not only conducive to health. but as a guarantee for sobriety; it being a physical impossibility for such an abstainer to have a desire for ardent spirits. Vegetarians were always sober, nearly always teetotalers.

The interesting, if not convincing, lecture being ended. the chairman (Rev. M. Sidebottom) humorously said that as they would in future have no butchers bills to pay. he was sure they would give a good amount at the collection.

(Whitstable Times 18 Dec 1880)

**William resigned from the Primitive Methodist ministry in June 1881**