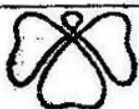


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Local Information.

 Our last contribution to the history of New Mills we mentioned that about 100 years ago there were a considerable number of small collieries in the district, and mills were being built. Resuming this subject it may be stated that the Peak Forest Canal was the principal factor in opening out the trade of the locality, and at this day, when the Canal is so little used, it will be of interest to know something of its origin.

The Act for cutting the Canal was obtained in 1794, the engineer being Mr. Benjamin Outram, who first invented the railways known as "tramways," called after Outram himself. In 1797 it was completed with the exception of Marple locks, which were opened in 1803. The extent of the canal is about twenty miles and a quarter, in the counties of Lancaster, Chester, and Derby, and the articles conveyed by it were principally limestone from Peak Forest, coal, paving stones, and manufactured goods from New Mills and other places, and general merchandise. It branches out of the Ashton-under-Lyne canal near Dukinfield Bridge, and crossing the River Tame, passes Denton, Marple, and New Mills to Whaley Bridge and Bugsworth, from thence there is a railway or tramway extension to Chapel-en-le-Frith and the quarries at Dove Holes. In those days there were extensive lime works at Marple, the comical looking ruins of which are still to be seen on the road to New Mills, and just below these works there were 16 locks in the space of a mile and a quarter. But from 1797 to 1806, the place of the locks were supplied by a steep railway or inclined plane for trams, the great inclined plane at Chapel-en-le-Frith with the double railway, is still in existence and at work with its large inclined pulley over which is passed an immense endless chain, to which the trams are linked and are continually ascending and descending. The water for the canal is wholly supplied by flood waters reserved in the Combs reservoir at Tunstead Milton, and the reservoir at Whaley Bridge, conveyed in iron pipes. The company was authorised to raise

the advent of the railways, that eight years afterwards the shares bore a premium of £10 per cent, and in another eight years it paid the shareholders 30 per cent. They subsequently obtained permission to increase the number of shares, and the works greatly exceeded the original estimate. In connection with the making of the canal, it may be mentioned that just at this time the Duke of Devonshire bought the Beard estate from a Mr. Ashmore, and sold as much timber from it for the canal as paid for the whole estate.

The following Coal Mines about New Mills were then going :— Aspenshaw, Bower Lane, Broadhurst Edge, Burned Edge (Ollersett), Cowpasture (Beard), Cuckoo Bush, Torr Mine, and several pits on Eaves Knowl, some worked by the Bowers and others by the Longdens.

The religious needs of the people of New Mills at that time, were supplied by the Wesleyans and the Society of Friends, for there was no Church nearer than Hayfield or Mellor. So early as the year 1689 there were Meeting Houses for the Society of Friends at Torr Top and Low Leighton, and even long before then there were many Quakers in the district and the principal people of the locality belonged to that community. Private houses were registered as Meeting Houses and many of the members had their goods distrained upon for non-payment of tithes and other clerical imposts. The present Meeting-House at Low Leighton was built in 1868, but there formerly stood on the spot an ancient Meeting House built in the year 1717.

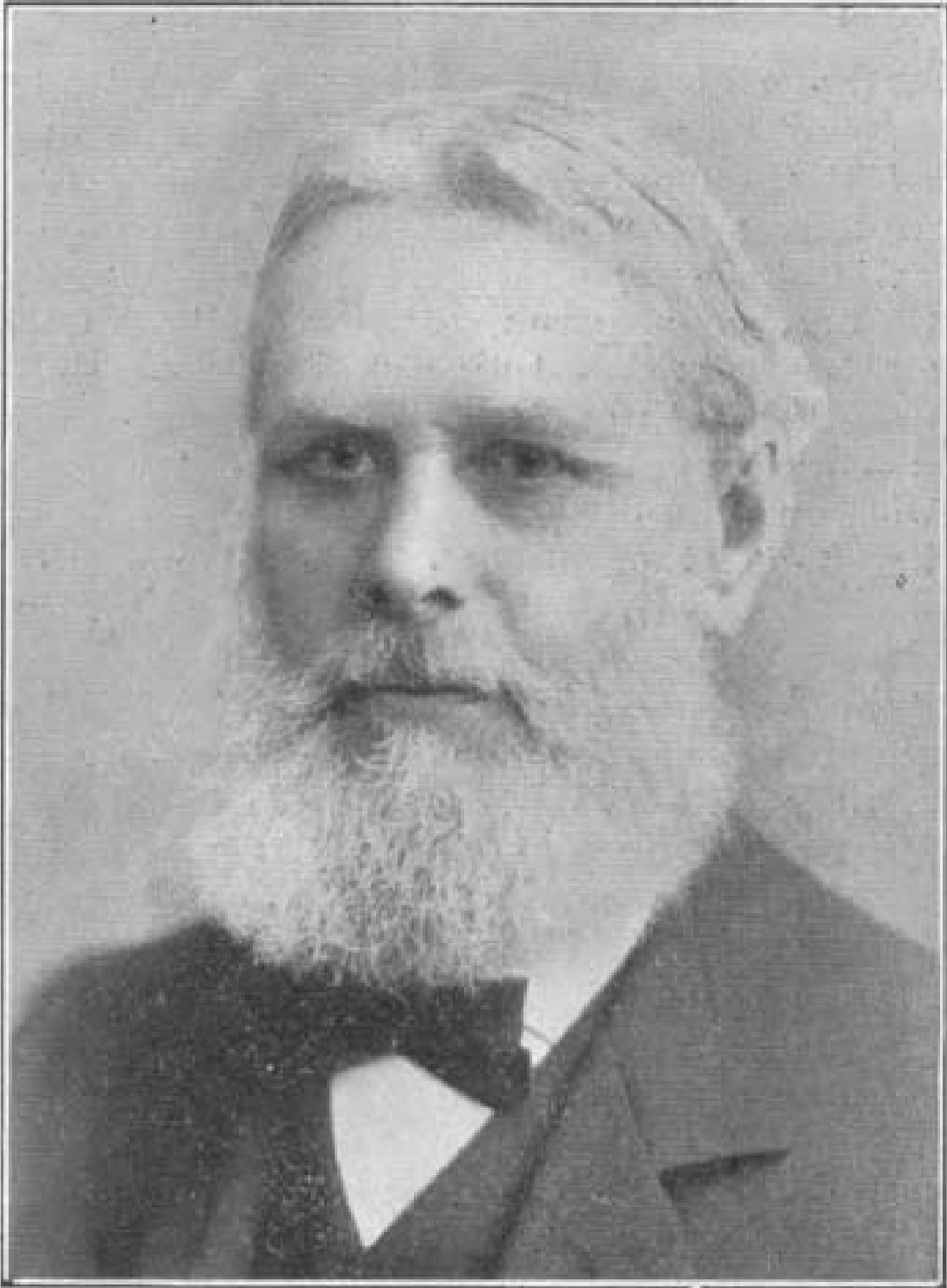
New Mills has long been a stronghold of Methodism and services were held in cottages by Methodist pioneers long before a chapel was built, and it was in the year 1766 that the first chapel was erected, in what was then the very centre of the village, and was the only place of worship in it, in fact, the present Sunday School was the first Chapel and over the original entrance facing Hyde Bank, there is still the stone inscribed "1766." The site was bought from John Hausell, by James Beard, Esq., gentleman, and fourteen others, for the nominal sum of five shillings and the annual payment of "one peppercorn, at, or upon the feast day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary." The other trustees were Thomas Booth, John Brocklehurst, John Turner, Robert Higginbottom, John Swindells, John Sale, Thomas Dewsnapp, Joseph Kinder, Thomas Stafford, John Collier, Stephen Pearson, and John Handford; descendants of all these worthies are here to-day. The trust deed contains the customary legal formula, "the said trustees do permit and suffer John Wesley to have free use," etc. The first visit of Mr. Wesley was in 1768, two years after the erection of the first chapel. In his journal he says: "April 30th, I rode to a little town called New Mills, in the High Peak of Derbyshire. I preached at

houses have need of air) has a casement in every window three inches square! That is the custom of the country." His second visit was in 1772, of which he writes: "I went to New Mills, notwithstanding all the rain the house was well filled, for nothing can hinder this lively, earnest, people." Mr. Wesley paid four other visits to this town, concerning which he speaks in the following terms: "1774. About noon I preached at New Mills to an earnest, loving, people." In 1776, he writes: "Having climbed over the mountains, I preached at New Mills, Derbyshire; the people here are quite earnest, there being no public worship in the town but at our chapel, so that they go forward knowing nothing of various opinions, and needing nothing but to be Bible Christians." In 1779 Wesley wrote: "About one I preached at New Mills, in Derbyshire; a commodious preaching-house lately built, has proved a blessing to the whole country, they flock together from every quarter and are thankful both to God and man." He paid another visit in 1782, and referring to his preaching on the doctrine of perfection, he says: "The spirits of many were greatly revived and they are now going on to perfection." Wesley's last visit was in the late evening of his life, and the entry is very touching: "Monday, April 7, 1788, I took a solemn leave of them at Macclesfield at five in the morning and with a deal of difficulty got to New Mills, the roads over the mountains being scarce passable; but the earnestness of the congregation made amends for the difficulty of the journey, they are all athirst for God." Wesley was the guest of Mrs. Beard, the hospitable lady of the old Manor House that stood on Hyde Bank facing the old chapel until it was demolished. She was the wife of one of the first trustees, who built Beard Mill close by, and for very many years a proof of the visit of the founder of methodism might have been seen on a pane of glass in the front bedroom Mr. Wesley occupied, it bore the inscription written with a diamond pen:—

"Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 Bears all its sons away;
 They fly forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the opening day."—*Watts*.
 Oh, Eternity! Eternity!
 Reader, art thou preparing for Eternity?"

Wesley's initials, "J. W.," were written across the verse diagonally.

When the house was taken down, this pane of glass came into the possession of a medical man, Dr. Wild, who had a piece of black velvet attached to the back, so as to throw out the writing and the whole placed in a neat Oxford frame.



EDWARD GODWARD, ESQ., C.C.

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A prominent personage in the New Mills District is Mr. Edward Godward, C.C. His parents came from near Silkstone, Yorkshire, where his father's family occupied a small farm for several centuries.

Mr. Godward was born at Laneside New Mills, in 1841. When six years old he was for educational reasons sent to reside with an uncle in Yorkshire, a trained certificated Schoolmaster—then a rare personage—and received a good elementary training, and when ten years old commenced work in his father's band-walk. About two years after he was enabled to continue his education in the evening, consequent on New Mills Wesleyans engaging a young enthusiastic master from Westminster Training College—Mr. Thomas Lawton, who was useful to many others. He was also privileged to receive valuable advice and educational assistance from Mr. John Taylor, of High Field, New Mills, a wise and kindly man. From the age of 16 to 21 he had much sickness and was kept from out-door recreations, but it gave time for thought.

When about 22 he became impressed by the condition of the working people, partly consequent on the cotton panic, I was drawn to agencies for their improvement, namely: Education, as Secretary of the News Room; Total abstinence, as first Chairman of the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society in New Mills; Co-operation, as second Chairman of the New Mills Society, and an active member for 20 years. His Secretaryship of the Mechanic's Institute led to his appointment as Clerk and Attendance Officer to the School Board on its formation, which position he retained for 20 years, he is now Chairman of the Evening Classes Committee and the Secondary Day School Governors. At the County Council Election in 1904, he was elected member for the New Mills District. He is a member of the County Education Committee, the Rating Committee and various Sub-committees. Succeeding to his father's business in 1868 he shortly afterwards purchased Brunswick Mill, but owing to ill health transferred the business to Limited Company in 1875, and occupied the position of managing director, meanwhile practising as an architect. Owing to the difficulty of securing efficient management of details of a special manufacture he returned to mill management in 1883, about a fortnight before the building was destroyed by fire. Its reconstruction and subsequent extension are sufficiently known.

Mr. Godward is a member of the Society of Friends and a Liberal.

Manchester circuit up to the year 1787, in which year it was transferred to Stockport, and in 1808 it became the head of a circuit and included Glossop and adjacent hamlets.

In 1808 a movement was set on foot for the erection of a new chapel. To quote an old deed: "the chapel, from the increased pop-
ulosity of New Mills and its neighbourhood, is become too small to contain the devout inhabitants desirous of assembling to hear divine worship there." The seats, forms, and pews, in the old chapel appear to have been the property of the holders, and were then bought by the trustees at sums varying from 6d. to £2 12s. 6d. The sellers numbered about fifty, and the amount realised was £34 12s. 9d.

The present chapel was built on a site on the opposite side of the brook, at a cost of £2,070, and was opened August 19th, 1810.

The site and burial ground adjoining were brought from Randle Taylor in 1809; the old chapel was retained for school purposes.

The school was originally held at Thornsett, thence removed to what is now known as Cavendish Square, and in 1791 to the present premises, which were pulled down and rebuilt in 1844.

So long ago as Sunday, the 11th March, 1792, a collection was made in the old chapel for the Manchester Infirmary, which realised £8 1s. 9d.

In 1846 an organ was placed in the chapel; ten years later a debt of £1,400 on the trust premises was extinguished when the bazaar held that year was the first ever held in the district.

The present organ was placed in the chapel in 1879.

The burial ground has been twice enlarged.

The old Minister's house, adjoining the present chapel, is now occupied by Mr. Alfred Livesley, the oldest local preacher, and the beautiful manse on Spring Bank was built about 30 years ago.

Soon after the first houses were built at Newtown, nearly 50 years ago, preaching service was commenced in the house of a Mr. and Mrs. Platt, a class was formed, and as the cause grew, the services were removed to the Canal Wharf House, then occupied by Mr. Bennett; afterwards, in 1868, the present chapel was built, and the handsome new schools added a couple of years ago.

now come to an end and in future issues of the Almanac other religious bodies will be reviewed.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Council sits in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall, on the first and third Wednesdays in each month, at 7 p.m.

LIST OF COUNCILLORS.

Chairman—Councillor S. Evans; *Vice-Chairman*—Councillor S. Whitehead.

Names of Wards.	Names of Councillors.	Retire
Beard and Ollersett ...	Samuel Whitehead ...	1909
" " ...	One seat vacant ...	1907
Central ...	Timothy Livesley ...	1907
" ...	Charles Brough Billinge ...	1908
Newtown ...	Daniel Wood ...	1909
" ...	Alfred William Lowe ...	1907
St. James' ...	Samuel Stafford ...	1907
" ...	John Cochrane ...	1908
St. Mary's ...	Seth Evans ...	1909
" ...	John Thomas Wharmby ...	1908
Thornsett ...	Isaac Hill ...	1909
" ...	James John Hadfield, J.P. ...	1908

STATISTICS.

Area of District 5,200 Acres.

POPULATION ACCORDING TO CENSUS.

	1881	1891	1901
Newtown Parish	1,173	1,163	1,520
New Mills do.	5,379	5,498	6,253
	<u>6,552</u>	<u>6,661</u>	<u>7,773</u>

Rateable Value :—	£	s.	d.	Assessable Value :—	£	s.	d.
New Mills Parish ...	28396	15	0	New Mills Parish ...	21338	0	0
Newtown do. ...	6414	5	0	Newtown do. ...	5954	3	0
	<u>34,811</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>27,292</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>

GAS DEPARTMENT.

NUMBER OF METERS FIXED.

Houses, Shops, and Workshops, 1008; Mills, 60; Cookers, Fires, Engines, &c., 351. Number of Public Lamps, 220.



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The Rev. J. Lionel Knowles, M.A., R.D., the Vicar of New Mills, had the advantage of being well known in the neighbouring parish of Glossop, long before he was appointed to this living.

He is the eldest son of the late Rev. John Dickenson Knowles, M.A., who was Vicar of Glossop for 23 years. He was born at Rawden, near Leeds, a seat of the woollen manufacture, and educated at Denstone College and Manchester Grammar School, from whence he proceeded to Pembroke College, Cambridge, taking the B.A. Degree in 1884, and M.A. Degree in 1889.

He was ordained Deacon, in December, 1885, by the present Bishop of Ripon, and took Priest's orders in 1887.

His first Curacy was at Ingrow-cum-Hainsworth, where he commenced and carried on a Mission Church at Cross Roads. His other Curacies were Newton Moor, 1889 to 1893, St. Stephen's, Flowery Field, 1893 to 1894, Curate-in-charge of Scholes, in the Parish of Cleckheaton, Whitechapel-with-Scholes, 1894 to 1900.

In 1900 he was preferred to the living of New Mills, on the resignation of the Rev. Frederick Wm. Newman, M.A., and was installed by the Bishop of Derby, on October 24th of that year.

He was appointed Rural Dean of Glossop in 1906, in succession to the Rev. Joseph Hadfield, M.A., who had resigned, and in the same year was appointed a Surrogate for obtaining marriage licences.

Lengths of Main Roads in the District, 9 Miles, 7 Furlongs, 114 Yards.						
do. Other Roads	do.	11	„	0	„	107
	Total	...		21	Miles,	1 Yard.

Clerk to the Council—Mr. Joseph Pollitt.

Treasurer—Mr. Henry Barber, J.P., Manager of the Manchester and County Bank, New Mills, Hayfield, and Disley.

Medical Officer of Health—Mr. James Edwin Anderton, M.R.C.S.

Surveyor—Mr. W. C. Sheard.

District Rate and Gas Rate Collector—Mr. George Platt.

Gas Manager—Mr. Philip Lancashire

Nuisance, Canal Boats and Workshops' Inspector—Mr. W. C. Sheard.

COMMITTEES.

Highways, Building, Recreation Ground, and Town Hall Committee—Councillors J. T. Wharmby, A. W. Lowe, T. Livesley, I. Hill, and S. Stafford, Meetings held on the last Monday in each month, at 7-30 o'clock p.m.

Finance Committee and Health Committee—Councillors J. J. Hadfield, S. Whitehead, A. W. Lowe, C. B. Billinge, Seth Evans.

Gas and Lighting Committee—Councillors D. Wood, S. Whitehead, C. B. Billinge, Seth Evans, J. J. Hadfield, and J. Cochrane.

Representatives on the High Peak Hospital Committee—Councillors Seth Evans, J. J. Hadfield, and J. F. Wharmby.

Representative on the Board of Governors of the Secondary Schools and Pupil Teachers' Centre—Councillor S. Evans.

Public Water Supply and Public Scavenging Committee—All the Members of the Council.

Hague Bar and Thornsett Water Supply Committee—Councillors Seth Evans, (Chairman), J. T. Wharmby, T. Livesley, C. B. Billinge, J. J. Hadfield, and I. Hill.

Public Library and Newsroom Committee—Councillors S. Evans, T. Livesley, J. Cochrane, S. Stafford, and Mr. Henry Barber, J.P., Mr. F. Thornley, Mr. F. Pogson, Rev. W. D. Edmondson, Rev. J. L. Knowles, M.A., Mr. H. H. Bullough, Mr. T. H. Livesley, and Mr. T. Mower.

Council Schools' Board of Management—Office: Spring Bank. Meetings held on the 1st Tuesday in each month, at 8 p.m. Mr. L. J. Hall, J. P., Chairman; Councillor S. Evans, Vice-Chairman; Councillor D. Wood, Messrs. Henry Barber, J. P., A. Livesley, J. S. Wyatt, John Smith, Edward Godward, J. H. Jackson; Clerk, Mr. T. Pauley; Attendance Officer: J. T. Hambleton, Newtown.

Board of Governors Secondary Day School and Pupil Teachers' Centre—Mrs. Arnfield, Mrs. Humphreys, H. Barber, Esq., J. P., L. J. Hall, Esq., J. P., E. Godward, Esq., C.C., Councillor S. Evans; Messrs. A. Livesley, J. S. Wyatt, J. Smith, J. C. Hyde, Chapel-en-le-Frith; J. Doyle, Hayfield; J. Fowler, Fernilee; D. T. Wetters, Bugsworth; J. Platt, C.C., Ludworth; C. Dawson, Mellor; and R. P. Horsley, Disley. Clerk, T. Pauley.

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High Peak Division of Derbyshire: O. Partington, Esq., (L).

Knutsford Division of Cheshire: A. J. King, Esq., (L).

Thos. Bennett, Esq., Birch Vale House, Birch Vale, Chairman; W. E. Rumney, Esq., Watford Lodge, New Mills; Henry Barber, Esq., Spring Bank, New Mills; Joel Wainwright, Esq., Finchwood, Ludworth; F. J. Sumner, Esq., F. J. Sumner, Jun., Esq., J. J. Hadfield, Esq., New Mills; L. J. Hall, Esq., Morlands, Birch Vale; Jos. Turner, Esq., West View, Hayfield; C. Wainwright, Esq., Ludworth; Percy Woodhouse, Esq., Ludworth; Wm. Jowett, Esq., Manor House, Mellor, Chairman Hayfield Rural District Council; S. Evans, Esq., Chairman New Mills Urban District Council; T. O. Arnfield, Esq., Redgate, New Mills; Clerk to the Magistrates: J. B. Boycott, Esq., Chapel-en-le-Frith. Sessions held at the Town Hall, Wednesdays, 10-30 a. m.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

New Mills Secondary School and Pupil Teachers' Centre—Head Master: Mr. J. A. Nichols; Assistants: Mr. J. R. Hardman, Mr. D. H. Foster, Miss Roulston, Miss Howe, Miss Nichols.

New Mills Elementary Council School, Senior Department—Head Master: Mr. J. A. Nichols; Assistants: Mr. D. Lincoln, Miss J. Goudie, Miss R. Swindells, Miss M. Houghton, Mr. J. Redfern, Miss J. Campbell, Miss L. Hughes. *Infants' Department*—Head Mistress: Miss Peck; Assistants: Miss Swindells, Miss Arnfield.

Newtown Elementary Council School, Senior Department—Head Master: Mr. J. P. Hinde; Assistants: Miss E. M. Gaudie, Miss Bennett, Miss Harrop. *Infants' Department*—Head Mistress: Mrs. Turner; Assistant: Miss Handford.

Thornsett Elementary Council School—Head Master: Mr. J. W. Skelton; Assistant: Miss Pickford, Miss Swindells, Miss Marsland, Mrs. Bowden, Miss Hoyle.

Hague Bar Elementary Council School—Head Master: Mr. A. Wallwork; Assistants: Miss Johnstone, Miss France.

St. George's Church School, Mixed Department—Head Master: Mr. S. Whitehead; Assistants: Miss A. Deaville, Miss E. D. Stafford, Miss E. Croft, Miss E. Harrop, Miss F. Swindells. *Infants'*—Miss Alsop, Miss E. Bradbury.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic School—Head Mistress: Miss Brennan; Assistants: Miss Casey, Miss Gertrude Casey.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Hayfield Board of Guardians meet at the Workhouse, Low Leighton, every alternate Monday, at 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. J. Whitehouse, Chairman; Mr. Wm. Jowett, Vice-Chairman.

GUARDIANS.

Hayfield—Captain James Wilks, Messrs. Joseph Turner, J. T. Gee, W. Whitehead.

New Mills—Messrs. Joseph D. Lomax, Joseph Sellars, J. A. Ingham, J. Cochrane, Peter Sandham, E. G. Bridge, W. Parsons.

Newtown—Messrs. James Wharmby, Robert H. Lomas.

Mellor—Messrs. Wm. Jowett, Wm. Bradbury, J. W. Sutton.

Disley—Messrs. H. J. Whitehouse, Hugh Rodger, John Lomas, Joseph Howard, Joseph Longden.

Clerk to the Guardians: Mr. Arthur Walker, Solicitor, Spring Bank, New Mills.

Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the Hayfield Union: Mr. W. Wild, Town Hall; Deputy: Mr. A. Grundey. Registration Hours: New Mills Town Hall: Monday, 9 to 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m.; Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. Hayfield, at Mrs. Eyre's, Fisher Lane, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in each month, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Disley, at Mrs. Bunting's, Hope Place, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in each month, from 12 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mellor, at Mrs. Potts', Newhouse Hills, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month, from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Superintendent Registrar: Mr. A. Walker.

Medical Officer: Dr. J. E. Anderton, Thornfield.

Overseers of the Poor, for New Mills: Mr. J. Sellars, Mr. J. D. Lomax; Assistant Overseer: Mr. Edward Parsons.

Collector of Poor Rates: Mr. W. Wild.

Overseers of the Poor, for Newtown: Mr. J. Hyde, Mr. R. H. Lomas; Assistant Overseer and Collector of Poor Rates: Mr. Henry Curtis, Disley.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, Church Road—Vicar, Rev. J. Lionel Knowles M.A.; Assistant Curate, Rev. A. T. Beeston, Church Road; Lay Reader, Captain Monks; Churchwardens, Mr. H. Barber, Mr. E. Warrington; Organist, Mr. Jas. Pollard; Verger, Mr. John Brown. Services, Sunday, 10-30 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Spring Bank—Curate-in-charge, Rev. A. T. Beeston Organist: Mr. Arthur Wallwork; Verger, Mr. Wm. Waterhouse. Services, Sunday, 10-30 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION CHURCH, Thornsett—Captain Monks, Missioner.

PARISH ROOM AND INSTITUTE, Spring Bank.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, High Lee Road—Priest, Rev. Wm. Chas. McKenna; Organist, Mr. Joseph Barnes.—Services, Sundays, 8-30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6-30 p.m.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, St. George's Road, New Mills—Circuit Ministers, Rev. W. H. Coradine, Wesley Mount, New Mills; Rev. W. W. Walton, Marple; Circuit Stewards, Mr. A. Grundey, New Mills; and Mr. S. Hilton, Marple Bridge; Circuit Secretary, Mr. S. Evans; Society Stewards, Messrs J. E. Street and T. Beaumont; Chapel Stewards, Messrs. A. Grundey and J. D. Lomax; Organist, Mr. W. Fernley; Sexton, Mr. Kirk, High Street. Services, Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, Newtown—Society Stewards, Messrs. J. Stafford and J. T. Hambleton; Chapel Stewards, Messrs. W. Walton and G. Poole; Organist; Mr. J. T. Hambleton. Services, Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

WESLEYAN MISSION ROOM, Low Leighton—Steward, Mr. R. Oldham. Services, Sundays, 2-30 and 6 p.m.

PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, Chapel Street—Pastor, Rev. W. D. Edmondson; Deacons, Messrs. T. W. Stafford, Joseph D. Swindells, T. Walker, E. J. Brocklehurst; C. Scorer, W. Goodwin; Organist, Mr. George Platt. Services, Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, Spring Bank—Minister, Rev. J. Yearsley; Circuit Steward, Mr. E. Wharmby; Circuit Secretary, Mr. T. Beard; Society Steward, Mr. J. Mace; Organist, Mr. H. Shaw. Services, Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, Thornsett—Stewards, Messrs. W. Simpson and J. Hobson. Services, Sundays, 2-30 and 6 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH, Spring Bank—Minister, Rev. W. Reed; Circuit Stewards, Messrs. J. T. Wharmby and J. Howard; Society Steward, Mr. James Wharmby; Organist, Mr. J. C. Yearsley. Services, Sundays, 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Also at Birch Vale and Rowarth.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, Low Leighton—Service, Sundays, 11 a.m.

MISSION ROOM, Undenominational, Torr Top—Services, Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY BARRACKS, Meal Street—Services, Sundays, and every Evening but Thursday.

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Lady Treasurer, Mrs. Mackie; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Arnfield; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Lowe; Working Committee: Mrs. T. O. Arnfield, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Brayne, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Pollitt, Miss Rumney, Mrs. W. E. Rumney, Mrs. Nichols; Honorary Committee: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. J. T. Wharmby, Mrs. Jos. Pollitt, Mrs. Porritt, Mrs. A. Ingham, Miss Lees; District Nurse: Miss Millicent Prior, Union Road.

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NEW MILLS AND NEWTOWN CONSERVATIVE CLUB, Union Road—President, A. Profumo, Esq.; Chairman, Mr. A. W. Lowe; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. Walker.

NEW MILLS AND NEWTOWN LIBERAL CLUB, Union Road—President, T. O. Arnfield, Esq.; Chairman, Mr. T. Whitaker; Secretary, Mr. T. Stafford.

NEW MILLS AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION—President, Mrs. G. N. Hallowell; Secretary, Mrs. Nichols; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Thornley.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, M. U.—“Rose of Sharon” Lodge, Cock Inn, High Street. Mr. John Smith, Birch Vale, Secretary; Messrs. W. Wild, J. W. Randles, Ellis Smith, Trustees; Mr. Jesse Hill, Church Road, Secretary of Juvenile Branch. “Hand of Friendship” Lodge, Queen's Arms Hotel, Newtown—Mr. S. Domakin, Secretary; Mr. James Bowden, Juvenile Secretary. Past Grands' Lodge, Queen's Arms Hotel, Newtown—Mr. Levi Smith, Chairman.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, KINGSTON UNITY—Railway Hotel, Market Street. Mr. George Harrison, Secretary.

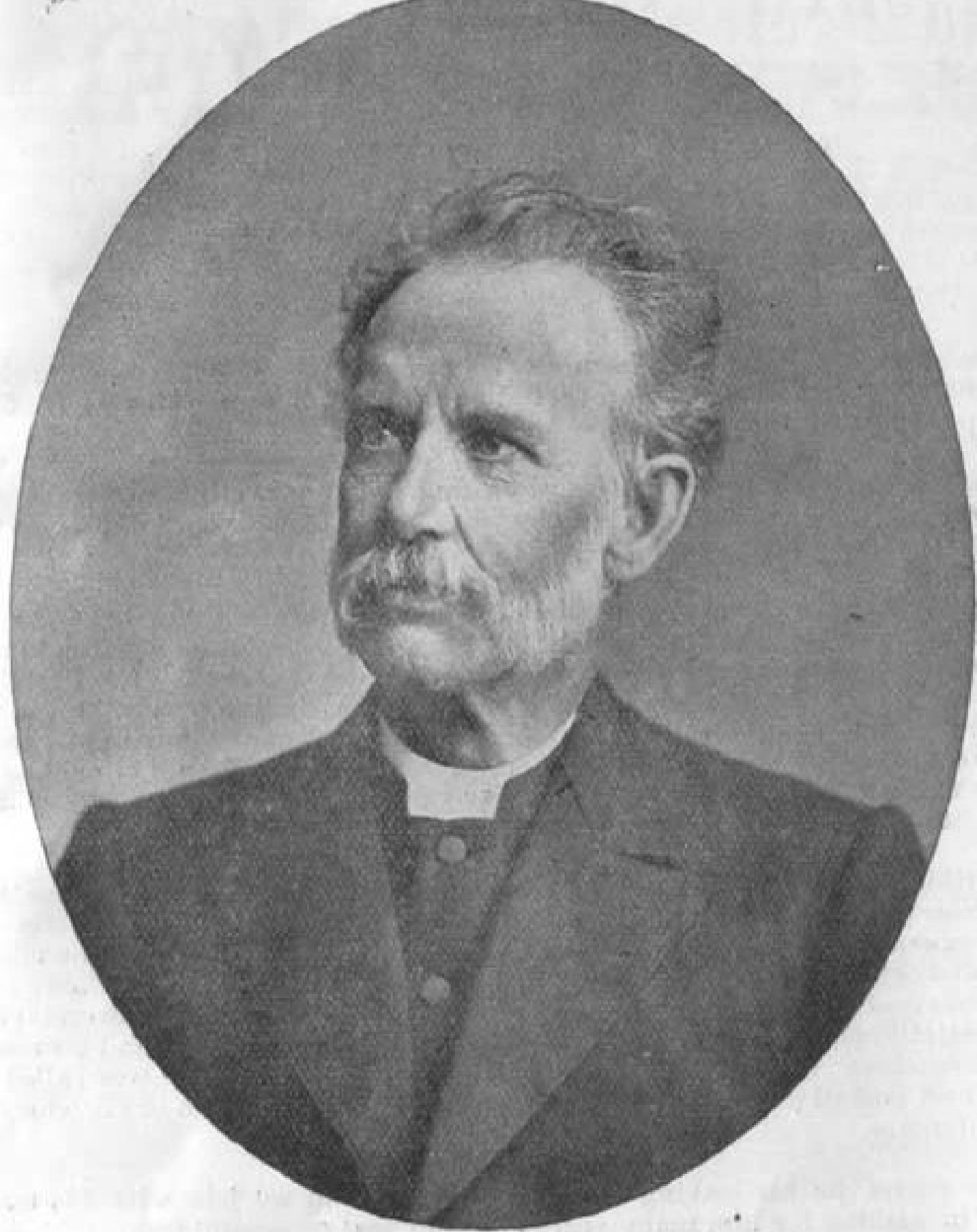
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ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS—Court “Forget-me-not,” Crown Hotel. Mr. W. Wharmby, Low Leighton, Secretary; Mr. H. Boardman, Juvenile Secretary.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE—“Peveril of the Peak” Lodge, Town Hall. Secretary Mr. T. Morris, Bridge Street.

FREEMASONS—“Peveril of the Peak” Lodge, Masonic Hall, Union Road. J. T. Scattergood, W.M.; Secretary, Mr. F. Holland.

R.A.O.B.—“Knights of the Golden Horn,” Queen's Arms Hotel. Knight in command Mr. J. Longson; Secretary: Mr. A. Whiteford. “Cygnet” Lodge, Swan Hotel—Secretary: Mr. A. S. Middleton. “Victoria” Lodge, Queen's Arms Hotel—Secretary: Mr. J. J. Etchells. “King Edward” Lodge, Crown Hotel—Secretary: Mr. T. Pursglove.



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THE REV. JOSEPH YEARSLEY,

Primitive Methodist Minister.

Mr. Yearsley, who has been in the ministry 36 years, is leaving New Mills in July, having accepted an invitation to take the Superintendency of the Glossop Circuit for the year 1907.

He has resided with us for five years, and when he retires will carry with him, not only the enthusiastic good wishes of his own people, but of all the various sections of the Churches within the District.

Mr. Yearsley, has spent the whole of his ministry within what is known connexionally as the Manchester District, and enjoys the unique distinction of being the only Minister of his years of service who has not crossed the boundary line to take service within any of the other 26 Districts into which the work of this great religious organization is divided. Within all the Primitive Methodist Churches in Lancashire he is well known, having had charge of most of its important Stations. During the past thirty years his ministry has been confined to a radius or not more than twelve miles from Manchester.

Within the denomination he occupies a most distinguished status, for, apart from his circuit work he has taken charge of several special departments of connexional work. For 16 years he was Secretary of the Building Committee of the district. He has also been the Secretary of the Connexional College for the training of the Ministers of his Church. At present he is the Secretary of the District Committee, the Examiner of Ministerial Propagationers, and Secretary of the Preachers' Friendly Society. At the last Conference he was called to the highest post of distinction, by being elevated to the position of Secretary of the Conference.

We regret his leaving our own District, and we join with his many friends in wishing for him many years of happy and successful toil.

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Low Leighton	8-45 .. 9-30 a.m., .. 6-30
High Lea	8-45 .. 10-15 7-15

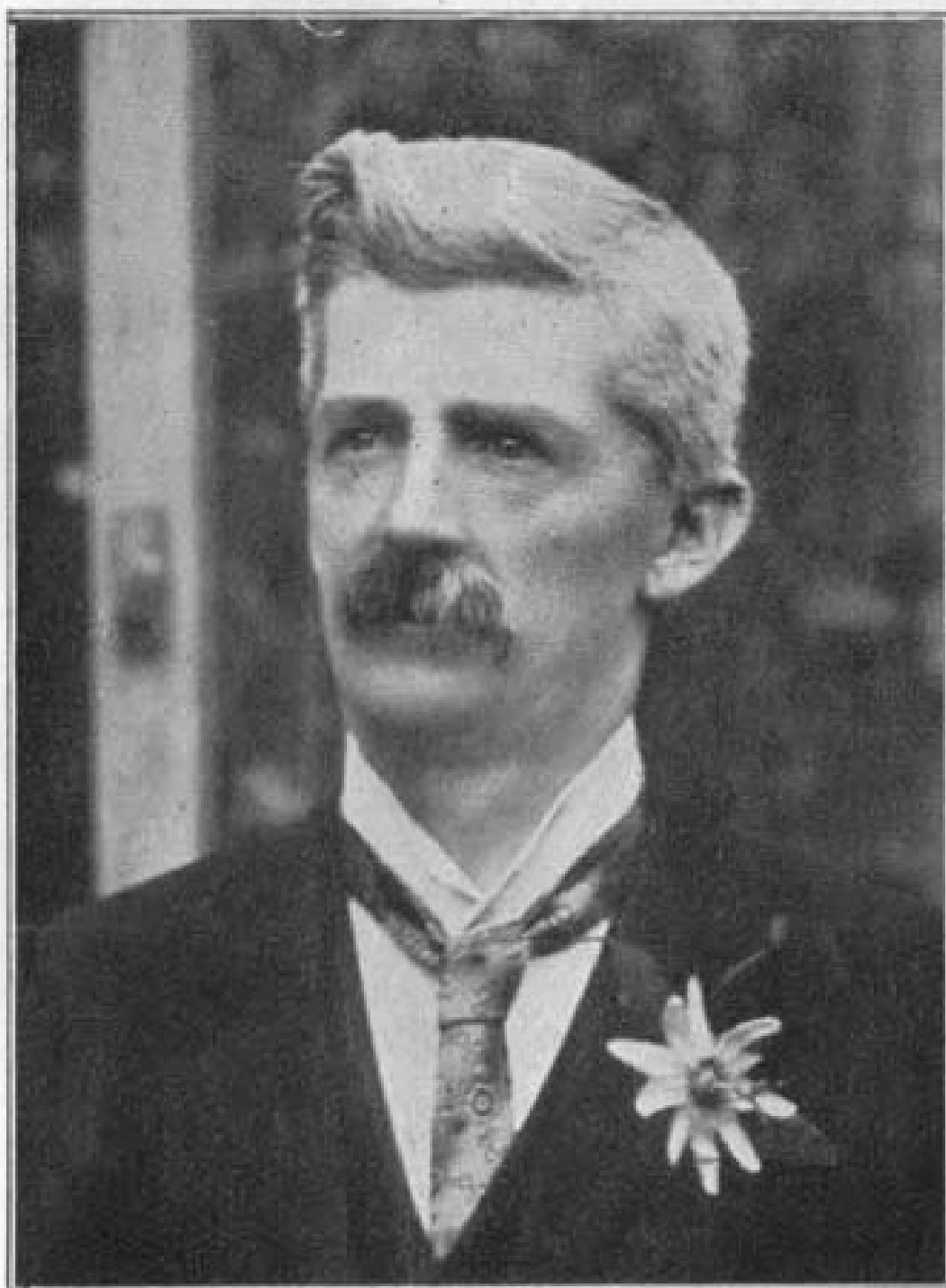
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Councillor Seth Evans, J.P., who presides over the New Mills Urban District Council, is well known to most people throughout the High Peak where from boyhood he has followed his profession as a journalist.

Born at Bradwell, where his ancestors have been located for centuries past, he was put to work at eight years old, and received only such a smattering of the rudiments of elementary education as could be acquired at a night school. When in his teens he chose the journalistic profession, in which he has been actively engaged ever since.

He is a most prolific writer on matters and things pertaining to the past and present of the Peak district, is well versed in local history, and never tires of singing (with his pen, of course) the praises of his native Peakland.

He is a member of the Derbyshire Archæological and Natural History Society. He has a thorough knowledge of every nook and corner of the district as well as of the people and their doings. A Liberal in politics and in religion a Wesleyan. For eight years he sat on the Bradwell School Board, and at the last contested election was returned at the head of the poll, and when that body was dissolved by the Education Act of 1902, he had accomplished the unique feat of never having been absent once in eight years. He still retains his membership of the School Council at Bradwell, and is Vice-chairman.

Councillor Evans has resided in New Mills close upon a quarter of a century. At the last contested election of School Board he was elected, and at the first meeting of the Board was chosen Vice-chairman. He still retains the Vice-chairmanship of the Schools' Council, is a governor of the Secondary Schools and Pupil Teachers' Centre, and a member of the Evening Classes Committee.

In 1903 he was returned to the District Council unopposed, and on his re-election in March last, he was elected by his colleagues as Chairman.

He is a member of the Gas Committee, Finance Committee, Health Committee, is one of the Governors of the High Peak Hospital, a member of the Free Libraries Committee, and represents the Council on the governing body of the Secondary Schools. Having been elected Chairman he qualified as a Justice of the Peace, and sits at New Mills and Chapel-en-le-Frith.

He has the distinction of presiding over the Council's deliberations during the year in which the Water and Gas Bill has been got through Parliament, and the Waterworks taken over.