

DANIEL MOSSOP

Daniel was born in 1825

After a few years within Primitive Methodism he became an Independent minister and was associated with the Congegational church in Staines.

However Daniel had visions of a wider parish and in 1865, he along with Mrs Mossop and their four children, sailed - First Class - for Australia on the Emigrant ship *Maryborough* from Liverpool to Port Denison and Moreton Bay, (February to June)

Various reports of the voyage make interesting reading:

On this voyage, the *Maryborough* departed Liverpool on 9 February 1865, and sailed direct to Port Denison [Bowen] in Queensland. After 100 days at sea, the *Maryborough* arrived at Port Denison on 20 May 1865 with 432 passengers of all classes on board (from Medical Report) and all of her cargo consigned to Brisbane [Moreton Bay]. The largest group of the steerage passengers was Irish.

Due to the presence of typhoid fever on the ship, the *Maryborough* was quarantined for 11 days on arrival at Stone Island.

On 1 June, the Police Magistrate for Bowen, Mr Pinnock, allowed the passengers to be conveyed to the mainland by boats, the whole operation lasting till late in the night

(The Port Denison Times, 3 June 1865).

In his medical report of the voyage, dated 23 May 1865, the Surgeon Superintendent, Dr Nathaniel Levett, said

"The health of the ship on arrival had been especially good and very fair during the voyage, with the first month of the voyage by far the most unhealthy".

There were 10 births during the voyage, of which two were stillborn, and two of the infants died. During the voyage there were 20 deaths in total, and all but two were children. Seven of the deaths occurred from typhoid fever.

He reported that there were 154 cases of sickness during the voyage covering a wide range of conditions. Not included in this figure were *"103 cases of debility among the children which were set right by a small extra amount of nourishment"*.

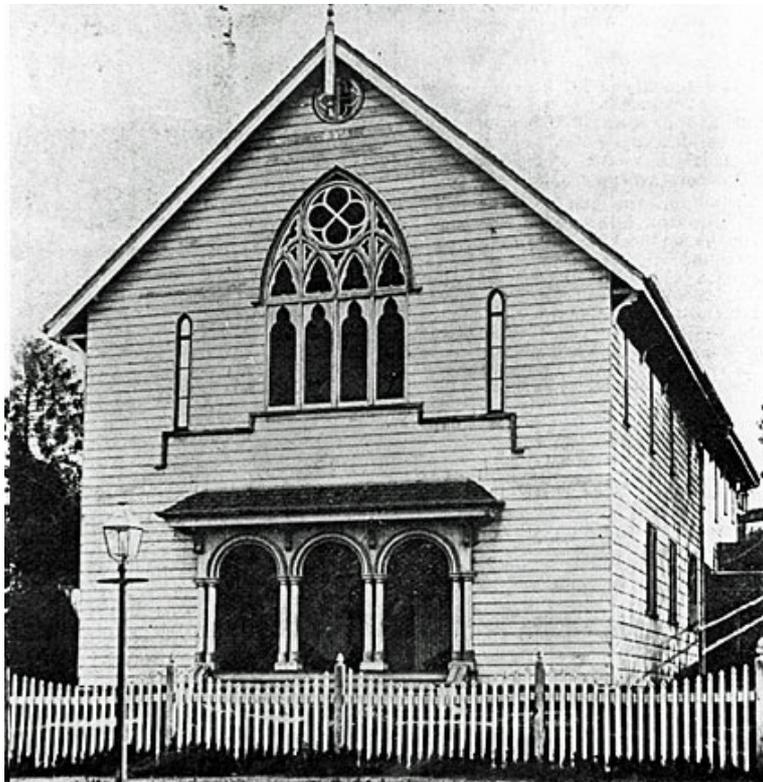
However within a short space of time Daniel was active:

The Rev. D. Mossop has formed a Church at South Brisbane from a few of the members of this Church, and with unfeigned pleasure we have to state that the young Church is constantly giving signs of vigor and prosperity,

The friends of South Brisbane have purchased land, and have decided upon building for themselves. They have had tenders sent in for a building to accommodate between 300 and 400 people. The Church at present assembles in the South Brisbane School of Arts, where they have a large and efficient Sabbath School.

It is with great thankfulness that we have to thus record the success of the Rev. D. Mossop, and we sincerely trust that he may be spared to do a great work in this city.

(The Brisbane Courier Wednesday 20 June 1866)



The Grey-Street Congregational Church, South Brisbane

The congregation of the South Brisbane Congregational Church first met in 1865 in the Mechanics Institute, Stanley Street, but they built a fine wooden building in Grey Street, which was opened in January 1867. It was dismantled following the 1893 floods, and rebuilt in Vulture Street. The congregation moved to the rebuilt building on Sunday 23 July 1893. The wooden church was gutted by fire on 16 October 1931

However Daniel's stay in Brisbane was short and he moved on:

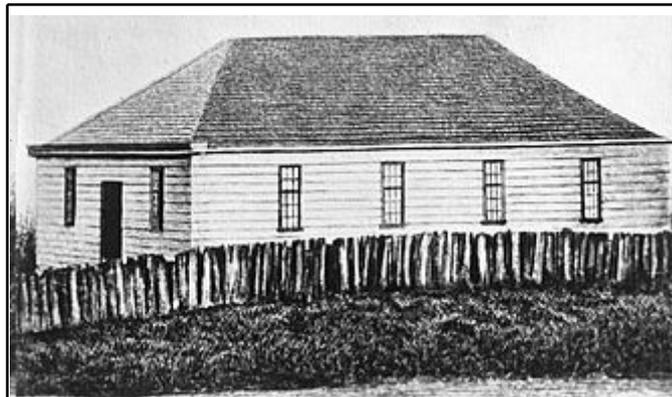
On Sunday last the Rev. Daniel Mossop preached in the morning and evening to large congregations at the store lately coupled by Messrs. Perkins and Hutchkinson

Mr. Mossop has left his Brisbane congregation and he had good reason for so doing, as he was not allowed to have a few weeks' leave of absence, although he had proved himself to be a devoted servant of the "Great All"

He has come to settle amongst the people of Gympie, and we hope he will be well received. He proposes to erect a church, which we trust the contributions. from the people of Gympie will enable him to do, as he wishes to make his home amongst us. We hope he will achieve that wish and that although he may differ in some sectarian views from many of our readers, they will assist him in carrying out his good mission, namely, the spiritual advancement of the general public.

Actuated by conscientious motives, Mr. Mossop has made great perscsal sacrifices. He should therefore be encouraged. We understand that he will preachon Sunday in the same building as on Sunday last.

(Nashville Times, Gympie and Mary River Mining Gazette Wednesday 8 July 1868)



Ipswich circa 1860

It was left to the Rev. D Mossop of Ipswich to deliver the first congregational sermon held at Bundaberg. He made the long journey to Bundaberg during 1875 and visited the small settlement as one on a list of Mission Stations.

The following year during April the Rev. James Gammie of the Western Bush Mission settled in Bundaberg. Having marshalled his congregation, land was purchased and a small wooden church was erected at North Bundaberg. Here the Rev. Gammie conducted services for about 18 months. His health then failed and the Reverend was forced to retire. (Gammie partially recovered his health and was later appointed inspector of bridges on the Bundaberg Railway. When the line was completed he accepted the position of Kolan divisional board Clerk and died in office on May 6 1886).

("Bundaberg:History and People" GAMMIE family)

Daniel finally settled in Rockhampton.

Their son Livingstone, having also begun his ministry in the Congregational church in Leichardt, Sydney, married Ellen Louisa Lily Baynes on 7th July 1886 .

However Livingstone died on 16th May 1887 of Typhoid fever shortly before Ellen bore a child Livingstone Cooper 11 June. (Sadly the boy died aged 3yrs five months 23 January 1890)

The Late Rev. L. Mossop.

The death of the Rev. Livingstone Mossop, eldest son of the Rev. D. Mossop, of this town, who has ministered to the spiritual wants of the Congregational Church of Rockhampton for the last six years, was surrounded by saddening circumstances (says the Rockhampton Bulletin, : May 26).

In these Mr. Mossop will have the entire sympathy of his flock and of a large circle of friends in Rockhampton.

The deceased, who was about 27 years of age, visited this town several times during his father's ministry, but his sojourns were brief, extending over only two or three weeks. Therefore little was known of him here, but those who came in contact with him speak favourably of his ability and sadly of his sudden demise.

He gave promise of being a good average speaker - one who, though not so fluent and eloquent as his father, could preach a sound practical sermon. For the last six or seven years he has devoted himself to studying for his profession - first, at the Brisbane Divinity Hall; then at Rockhampton, under Dr. Hay, in company with the Revs. W. E. Hillier and James Crookston; and lastly at the Congregational College (Camden), in New South Wales. It is little more than 12 months since he completed the course of study he had marked out for himself, and it is peculiarly sad that, after all these years of hard toil, he should be called away just when he seemed in a fair way of entering upon a life of usefulness.

Having been ordained to the ministry, he was invested with the pastorate of Leichardt, a rising suburb of Sydney, got married, and settled happily.

The first intimation Mr. Mossop here had of his son's illness was through the medium of a religious journal, and he immediately telegraphed for news. He received a reply to the effect that the indisposition was trifling, being merely a slight attack of typhoid fever, contracted while ministering among his congregation. Then came a message of grave import, followed, at a brief interval, by another announcing that the illness had terminated fatally.

Many of our readers will unite with us in extending to the rev. gentleman and his family our sympathy in their bereavement, which was all the more sorrowful that it was so unexpected.

(The Week, Brisbane 4 Jun 1887)

BOURKE ST. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. THOMAS JOHNSON. Morning, at 11.

Rev. JAMES HILL. M.A., Evening, at 7.

Subject of Evening Sermon :

" The Life, Labours, and Early Death of the
REV. LIVINGSTONE MOSSOP."

(Sydney Morning Herald 28 May 1887)

Due to failing eyesight, Daniel was obliged to seek medical treatment back in England

VALEDICTORY ENTERTAINMENT.

A very interesting meeting was held on Tuesday evening at the residence of John Ferguson, Esq., M.L.A., in connection with the departure of the Rev. D Mossop for England.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, having learned that it was contemplated on the part of the ministers of the town to give to Mr. Mossop some formal expression of their sympathy and good wishes in connection with the object of his visit to the old country - the restoration, if possible, of his health and eyesight - kindly invited them to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Mossop at tea at Tyudrn.

All Protestant churches in town were represented by their ministers. After tea the Rev. K. Hartley, the originator of the meeting, in a brief, but very felicitous and touching address, introduced its object, speaking of his long acquaintance with Mr. Mossop, the work that Mr. Mossop had done in the ministry, and of the afflictions under which he had laboured during the last few years, and called on the Rev. Dr. Hay to read a document which he had prepared for presentation to Mr. Mossop.

Dr. Hay, in a few words, expressed concurrence with the remarks made by Mr. Hartley, and explained that he had drafted this document at the suggestion of Mr. Hartley, and had had it neatly engrossed through the kindness of Mr. F. B. Kavanagh, that it had been cordially approved and adopted by all the ministers present who had all appended their names to it. The document which was in the form of a letter to the Secretary of the Colonial Committee of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, was then read, and runs as follows :

"Sir,-We, the undersigned ministers of the Gospel resident at Rockhampton, Queensland, being met to bid good-bye to the Rev. Daniel Mossop, late pastor of the Congregational Church here, on his departure for England, desire to express our sincere and deep sympathy with him in the protracted illness which has necessitated his retirement from the public work of the ministry, and especially in regard to the failure of eyesight, for the restoration of which, if possible, through the aid of the highest available medical skill, he undertakes the voyage on which he is about to enter. We have all for longer or shorter periods enjoyed Mr. Mossop's friendship, and his fellowship and co-operation in ministerial and other public work which has fallen to us in common; and it gives us very great pleasure to testify to the brotherly and earnest Christian spirit in which Mr. Mossop has engaged in such work. He carries with him the esteem of all his brethren in the ministry, and of a wide circle of friends of all denominations; and it is our earnest prayer that the hopes which he entertains of the restoration of his eyesight and his general health may be fully realised. We cordially unite in commending him to the Christian sympathy and kindness of the authorities of the section of the Church represented by your Committee and to which he belongs, and through, you and them to other Christian friends. That He who has said 'I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known', may 'make darkness light before him' and bring him and his partner in life, who accompanies him to England, back to their home in Queensland in happier and more cheering circumstances than those in which they now leave it is the earnest hope and prayer of your brethren in the common faith. (Signed) Robert Hartley, Primitive Methodist, T. W. l'Erson, Baptist, Alexander Hay, U.D., Presbyterian, W. A. Diggins, B.A., Church of England, William Powell, Primitive Methodist, Thomas Barker Holmes, Wesleyan Methodist, John Glover, Baptist Minister, George Chapman, Congregational Minister, Isaac Castlehow, Primitive Methodist."

Mr. HARTLEY having placed the paper in the hands of Mr. Mossop, the latter, who was much affected, expressed his thanks for this altogether unexpected expression of esteem, sympathy, and good wishes on the part of his brother ministers.

Dr. Hay, seconded by the Rev. T. B. Holmes, moved that the thanks of the ministers be given to Mrs. and Mr. Ferguson for their great kindness and hospitality in connection with this meeting; and Mr. Ferguson, for Mrs. Ferguson and himself, expressed their great regret at the cause of Mr. Mossop's voyage, the hope that they would shortly meet Mr. and Mrs. Mossop in London, that Mr. Mossop would be able to see them there, and the pleasure it gave both himself and Mrs. Ferguson to assist in carrying out the wishes of Mr. Mossop's ministerial brethren. (Rockhampton Morning Bulletin 23 Feb 1888)

Daniel died in Rockhampton in September 1889

Daniel Mossop. A native of Cumberland, originally connected with the Primitive Methodist body, but in 1857 became assistant minister to Rev. Rippon Porter, Staines.

An earnest revival preacher, his ministry at Beaconsfield (1858-1862) was a time of refreshing to the church. In 1862 he became assistant to Rev. W. Legg, Reading.

Mr. Mossop was afterwards one of the pioneers of Congregationalism in Queensland, where he founded a church at South Brisbane, and held pastorates at Ipswich, Gympie, and Rockhampton, the last of which he resigned through a failure of health and sight, following on the death of his son, and after a visit to England to seek medical aid, himself passed away in September, 1889, aged 65

(History of the Congregational churches in the Berks, South Oxon and South Bucks Association)

DEATH of REV D MOSSOP

Deep regret is felt here at the death, which took place yesterday from diabetes, of the Rev. Daniel Mossop, well known throughout Australia as a prominent Congregational Minister. The deceased gentleman was born in January, 1824, at UalderJBridgo, Cumberland, and was for some time engaged in the ministry of the congregational Church at Reading, England under the auspices of the Colonial Missionary Society in January, 1860. Arriving at Brisbane in June of the same year, he commenced work at South Brisbane, forming there a church (Grey street), from which has since sprung two other churches (Brighton road and Broadway).

Visiting Gympie in 1868, he was impressed with the religious claims of the thousands of persons then flocking there, and he determined to remove thither. He did so, and succeeded in raising a church, the work in which is now being carried on by the Rev. L. O. Jamieson. He left Gympie to take charge of the Ipswich church. While there he built the new church, the foundation-stone being laid by the late Governor Bkokall, in 1870, the cost amounting to £2,110, and it was opened free of debt.

In 1873, he accepted a call from Newtown Church, Sydney, where a church existed which had a debt of £1,500. Before he left he had made provision for the payment of £1,000.

In September 1880, he was invited to become pastor of the church at Rockhampton, and accepted the office.

In March 1883 Mr. Mossop, owing to ill health, resigned, but was induced to retain the pastorate for some time longer, and Mr. M. L. Johnson was appointed as assistant pastor. Owing, however, to increased ill-health, which the sudden death of his eldest son intensified, he was compelled to cease work and being now almost blind, decided to take a trip to the old country, for medical treatment. He returned to Queensland much worse, and little hope was given of any alleviation of the total blindness which had fallen upon him.

During the last few months Mr. Moseop has been quite laid aside, and for some weeks confined to his bed. It cannot, therefore, be said that his decease was altogether unexpected. One of the latest pleasures which he experienced was in preaching in the new church which has recently been erected by the Congregational body in Rockhampton, and on that occasion he expressed his belief to one of the officers of the church that it would be the last time he would ever minister in public.

(Brisbane Telegraph 27 Sep 1889)

Mention of Daniel and his wife continued long after they died:

Another link binding the Ipswich of the present to the Limestone of the long ago has been broken through the death of Mrs Mossop, relict of the Rev. Daniel Mossop, who was minister of the Central Congregational Church forty years ago, says the 'Queensland Times' (Ipswich) of the 28th of August.

Mrs. Mossop, who was seventy eight years old, had been spending some time in Ipswich recently as the guest of Mrs. R. W. Spence, but left on Saturday last for Murphy's Creek to stay with her daughter

A telegram announcing Mrs. Mossop's death -was received in Ipswich yesterday morning; the sad event had taken place on the previous night.

Mrs Mossop was in the habit of visiting Ipswich at intervals and spending a little while with various friends. Those who knew her, were always more than glad to see her, for she was held in high esteem by Ipswich people, and the work of her husband and herself, in days gone by, is appreciatively remembered.

(Mr. and Mrs. Mossop resided in Rockhampton for some years, Mr. Mossop being pastor of the Congregational Church here)

(The Capricornian Saturday 6 September 1913)

SOUTH BRISBANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The South Brisbane Congregational Church is happy in being the same age as His Majesty the King.

The first pastor, the Rev. Daniel Mossop, landed in Brisbane in June, 1865, and services at once were commenced in the Mechanics' Institute, Stanley-street. The Church prospered under the ministry of Mr. Mossop, who was succeeded as time went on by the Revs. S. Savage. T. J. Pepper. and William Day

During the pastorate of the last mentioned the church building, then in Grey - street, was badly damaged by the disastrous flood of 1893 and it was found necessary to remove to the present site in Vulture-street. (etc)

(The Brisbane Courier Saturday 5 June 1915)

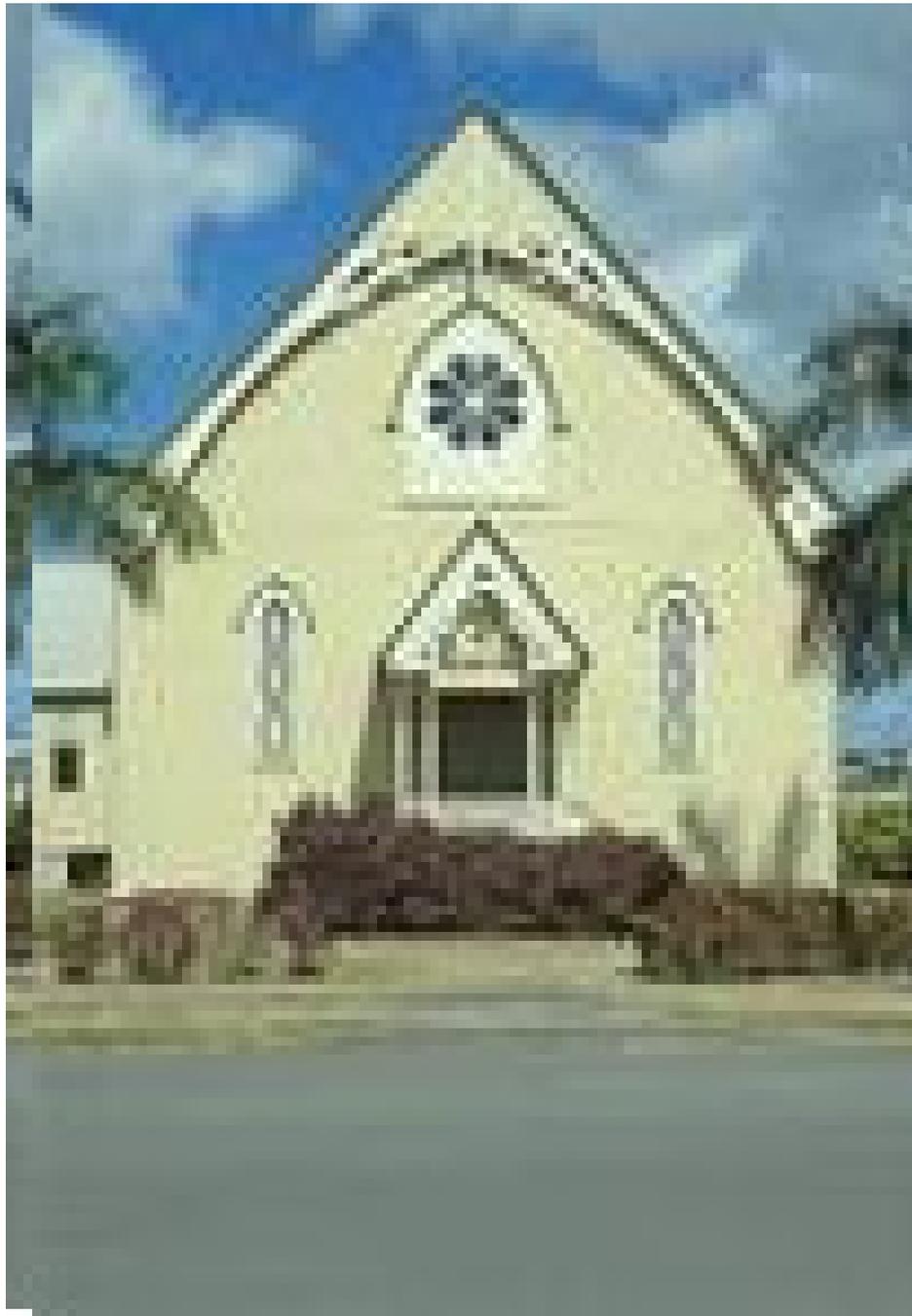
SOUTH BRISBANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The Diamond Jubilee of the South Brisbane Congregational Church will be celebrated by special services and commemoration gatherings from November 22 to 29.

The church was formed on November 5, 1865, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Daniel Mossop, and the congregation worshipped in a building in Grey street, until the great flood of 1893, after which the church was moved to its present site in Vulture-street.

Mrs. Lucy Ann Fraser is the only surviving foundation member.

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