

OBITUARIES.

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Second son of Rev. E. L. Koyl, was born in 1857 at Centralia, near London, Ont. His school days, being over a short time was given to business with its young ambitions, and then he felt he was called to the office and work of the ministry. When twenty-one years of age he dedicated his young manhood to the cause of Christ. After circuit work for two years as a probationer he set himself to prepare more thoroughly for his work by taking a college course. When a student he did much work as a preacher and pastor, and thereby, the laborer being worthy of his hire, helped himself to a large extent through college. In 1886 he graduated with high honors at Victoria University, and the same year he was ordained at Woodstock. For the next four years he was stationed at Paris, Beamsville and Ingersoll. In 1890 poor health compelled him to seek rest and change, and he spent a year in Colorado, Utah and Nebraska, teaching and preaching for the greater part of the time. In 1891 he returned to his Conference in Canada, and was stationed at Niagara. The climate of this place did not suit him, and the following year he received an invitation to the Division Street Church, Cobourg, and was appointed to that church by the Bay of Quinte Conference.

For a time the change was followed by a marked improvement in health and strength and his labors were untiring and very successful. Again, after about a year and a half, he was laid aside by complicated ailments of heart and lungs, and finally, after a weakening attack of *la grippe*, he died suddenly of heart failure on December 18th, 1893, in Toronto, where he had been for some weeks for medical treatment.

Death did not take him by surprise or find him unprepared. When suffering acutely his testimony was, "Tortured at every nerve my heart is at peace." When face to face with death the triumph of his faith was complete, and he raised this cry of victory: "If I die, I die happy. God, whose I am and whom I trust, has been very good to me, and He will care for mine."

Brother Koyl was a student and scholar of no ordinary talents and attainments. He was an enthusiastic preacher of the Gospel. He was an unremitting, energetic, hopeful worker in the service of the Church, and he found it hard to understand those who seemed to lack a spirit of enterprise in the good work. We cannot help asking, "What might have been?" if his strong spirit had been served by a strong body. He counted not his life dear unto him when there was work to be done for the Master. He was one of those of whom the world was not worthy.