

at the disposal of his fellow citizens. He was for many years clerk of the township, and when he retired he was presented with a handsome sum of money as a token of appreciation for his long and efficient services. The chief and most important office held by him was that of Justice of the Peace. The duties of that office he discharged with great wisdom, fidelity and success. By his counsel and advice many quarrels among neighbors were adjusted without a law suit. Where no injury was done to any one he advised the parties to arrange the matter between themselves. When that plan failed he would get them together and by explanations and kindly words often secured a settlement of difficulties that might have led to serious consequences. Mr. Kilborn was in the truest and highest sense a peacemaker. Since his death this fact has often been remembered and gratefully acknowledged by the people of Beamsville and the surrounding locality.

It was, however, as a Christian man, as a deacon of the Baptist church, and as an intelligent and warm friend of the Baptist denomination that Mr. Kilborn was best known and highly esteemed. His Christian life was consistent, uniform and exemplary. He was an honest, upright man in the business affairs of life. He was a man of warm sympathies and practical benevolence. Many a weary traveller obtained refreshment and found a comfortable resting place in his home. He had a room and a bed for the purpose.

The closing years of his life were singularly mellow and beautiful. He appeared to us all to be ripening for his heavenly home. There was a wonderful tenderness and sweetness in his words, and his very appearance impressed us that he would soon be taken from us. His end was peace. He discharged the duties of deacon with intelligence, faithfulness and wisdom. He loved the church and ever sought its purity and peace. He was always respectful toward his fellow officers, and ever insisted on consulting the church before taking any important step affecting the interests of the body.

He was the true friend of every pastor and supported him in every way in his power as long as he could approve of his course and believed it to be for the good of the church. In cases of difficulty he was calm and firm, but kind. He mourned over