

OBITUARY.

OWEN G. COLLAMORE.

Rev. Owen G. Collamore was born in the township of Haldimand, September 25th, 1822, and died at his late residence, Kewanee, Ill., September 25th, 1899, on his seventy-seventh birthday. The greater portion of his early life was spent in the township of Whitby, where he was converted under the preaching of the early itinerants, and at once joined the M. E. Church. The time and place of his conversion were precious memories in which he rejoiced even to the day of his departure.

Brother Collamore entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada in 1850, travelling one year, under the direction of the presiding elder, on the Malahide Circuit. In 1851 he was received on probation in the Niagara Conference, receiving his ordination as deacon and elder in due course. During his ministry he served the Church on the following charges: St. David's, Bosanquet, Maitland, St. Clair, Barton, Oxford, Brampton, Orono, Brooklin, Pelham, Ancaster, Ingersoll, London, Goderich, Norwich, Brant, Wellandport, Lynedoch, and Stamford. In 1864 he acted as agent for Albert College. From 1869 to 1872 he was presiding elder of Oxford District. From 1874 to 1876 he was superannuated in consequence of very serious and well-nigh fatal injuries received in a railroad accident. At the Conference of 1894 he ceased his work on circuits, and, taking a superannuated relation, removed to Illinois.

Brother Collamore was a strong man physically and mentally, capable of doing a vast amount of work, which he cheerfully did. To him to be a Methodist preacher meant to lead a life of toil for God and the Church. He knew many of the hardships of the early itinerant, but these he joyfully endured for Christ's sake. As a preacher, he was thoroughly orthodox and evangelistic; fearless in his denunciation of wrong, powerful in presenting the truth, convincing in his earnest appeals to men to forsake sin and turn to God. As a friend, no man was more faithful. Few, if any, ever heard him speak ill of another, or suggest by look or act anything but good even under the severest provocation. In this respect he had few equals. His life was a success. On all the circuits he travelled he has left spiritual children, who are witnesses to the power of God to save the soul, while hosts of others delight to cherish his memory. He was an excellent revivalist, and at the same time a careful financier, giving close attention to every detail, and always leaving a circuit better than when he found it.

He seldom, if ever, failed to have the superannuation money of his circuit ready at the appointed time. Promptness was a feature of his whole life. He was never known to be late for any appointment.