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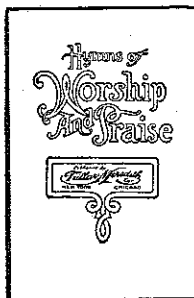
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all the years of his retirement. One who knew him well to the last says that "after a week of business cares he found relaxation in supplying vacant pulpits, and for this he was in almost constant demand." Happy the pastor who is blessed with the sympathy and support of such a retired minister as Wesley Clarke Johnson always proved himself to be.

His final illness was due to the after effects of a fall from a bicycle some years ago. When he learned that he could not recover he was greatly dis- appointed. He had anticipated in rest from business cares some further opportunity for ministerial work. But through the suffering days that followed there was no word of complaint. Hope was his constant companion to the end. Even before the goal was distinctly in sight he said to his sorrow- ing companion "I am trusting in Jesus, I can do no more, I think I shall go safely." Just before the summons came he said "I have joined the company," and he had.

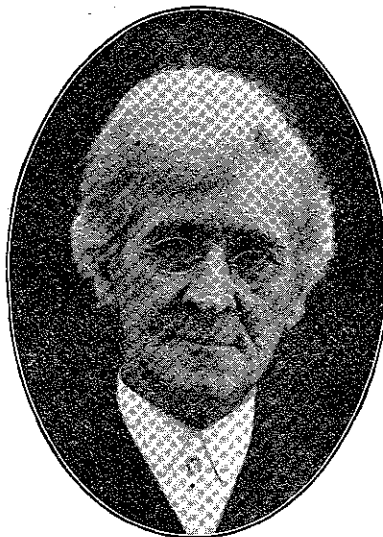
His remains await the morning of the resurrection beside those of his little son in the Friends burying ground at West Chester, Pa.

WILLIAM POWICK.

THOMAS KELLY.

This consecrated servant of Jesus Christ who gave fifty-three years of his life to the Christian ministry was the gift of Canadian Methodism.

Thomas Kelly was born in the county of Leeds, Canada, March 23rd, 1837, and died at his home in Colwyn, Del. Co., Pa., March 13th, 1914. The preaching of Rev. Daniel Pomeroy of the Wesleyan Church aroused him in his seventeenth year of life, and he was gloriously converted after a very deep



conviction of sin. The call to preach found a willing response, and he joined the Wesleyan Conference in 1860.

The ministry of Thomas Kelly extended over a long period of service, and in many different fields of labor. Thirteen years of effective service in the Wesleyan Conference, were years of great revivals, and larger churches eagerly sought after him. He was invited to Moore's Northern N. Y. Conference in 1873, and the most notable revival of his ministry occurred during this pastorate, resulting in over 400 conversions. A successful pastorate at Trinity Albany where a magnificent church edifice was erected during his

ministry there, another charge of importance in this Conference was at First Church, Utica, N. Y.

We find the name of this faithful minister in the Minutes of the Phila. Annual Conference of 1880, as a transfer to Old Western (now the Covenant) where he had a successful pastorate of three years. Other charges served in the Phila. Conference were as follows: Trinity (Chester), Thirteenth St., Downingtown, Oxford, Western (2nd term), So. Chester Fourth St., Reading, Norris Square, Woodland Ave., Providence Ave. (Chester), Strasburg, Jarretts-town and Clearview. During this period of effective service he witnessed many revivals of power, and built three churches, and one parsonage; debts were liquidated on three churches and two parsonages, and his faithful ministry always meant a stronger church.

Throughout his half century of service his commanding presence, eloquent voice, and the striking originality of his sermonizing and delivery made him one of our strongest preachers. He was at home in a revival, powerful in prayer, and persuasive in exhortation.

During his busy life as pastor he was a diligent student, with a large library, and a close student of the Bible, church history, and world-wide movements, his mind was alert. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was given him in 1889, and the earned degrees of S.T.D. and Ph.D. were secured in 1896 and 1900.

Thomas Kelly was not only a brilliant preacher, and a scholar, but an author of note. His contributions to the church papers and Homolitic Journals were masterly, full of thought and inspiration.

At the annual session of the Conference, Mar. 1913, he retired from the effective work, and took up work with the M. E. Hospital, presenting the cause to the churches and preaching the gospel with the old time power until he was stricken last December. God spared him from suffering by calling him to his reward, and he was translated Mar. 13th, 1913.

He is survived by his faithful companion, Emma Foote Kelly, to whom he was married in Canada in 1869. They toiled together for forty-five years, and she proved to be an inspiration in every pastorate. One son, Thomas Henry Kelly, of Moore, Del. Co., Pa., is bereft of a devoted father, but has the heritage of a godly pure life.

The funeral services were held in the Siloam M. E. Church, W. Phila., March 17th, 1914. Rev. S. K. McConnell offered prayer at the house. Rev. E. E. Burriss, D.D., Dist. Supt., had charge of the service, and made an address. Other addresses were given by Rev. Wm. Downey, D.D., an intimate friend, and the writer. The following ministers took part: Rev. Nathaniel Turner, Rev. T. M. Jackson, D.D., Rev. Roy N. Keiser, Rev. J. E. Jones, and Rev. M. H. Nicholls. The minutes of the preachers meeting was read by Rev. J. Mitchell Bennetts. Mrs. Alfred Grey sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

The interment at Arlington Cemetery was private, and the services were conducted by Rev. Richard Radcliffe and the writer.

The most fitting climax to the memoir, written by one who found his companionship such an inspiration to himself, and to the church where he located after his retirement, is a quotation from Dr. Kelly's published sermon as it appeared in the 20th century pastor of Mar. 1907, entitled, "The Monumental Hour."

"How many times during His sleep in the grave did the query suggest itself; "Will He be able to rise triumphant over death and the grave, so that our bodies now sleeping in the dust of the earth shall rise when the trump of God shall sound?" But, thank God, that without any creature's help angelic or human, the great Deliverer rose. * * * There He stood as the Conqueror of sin, death and the grave, and hailing a ransomed world with ineffable tenderness He declares; "I am He that liveth, and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore." Thank God for a Saviour who got through with dying and struck resurrection ground. For "with joy like this shall every saint" etc. It would be impossible for human language to describe the scenes of joy and ecstasy among the redeemed as they saw themselves safe in the glorious heritage of eternal felicity through his long-promised but now triumphant work."

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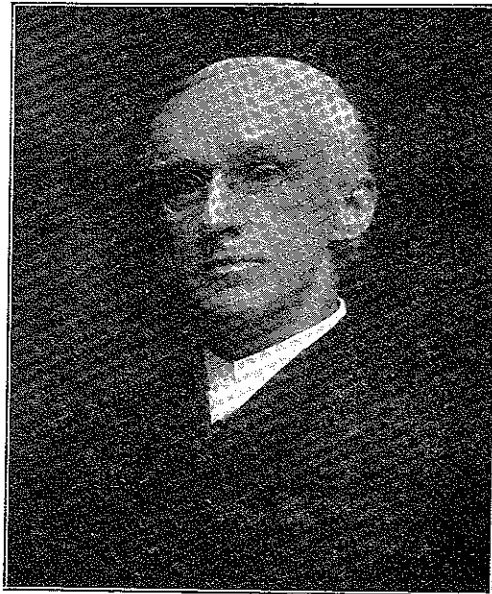
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Thomas Kelly walks upon "Resurrection ground" with his lifelong friend Rev. Robert Forbes, D.D., who was converted under his ministry, and who preceeded him to glory a few months before. We shall miss his commanding presence, and the sound of his eloquent voice, but the world will continue to read his expositions, and many published sermons, and feel the inspiration of his pure and holy life.

PREPARED BY ALBERT METZGER WITWER.

WILLIAM L. McDOWELL.

William L. McDowell, the son of Archibald and Mary Ann Riddle McDowell, was born Nov. 22nd, 1843, in Glen Riddle, Delaware County, Pa. He was converted August 23rd, 1858 at a Camp-meeting held in Scofield's woods, and soon after joined Crozierville Methodist Episcopal Church. He entered the Sophomore Class in Dickinson College in September 1860, and graduated with honor in June 1863. In 1865 he was admitted on trial in the



Philadelphia Conference, and began his fruitful ministry which was terminated by his death in Reading, Pa., July 16th, 1913.

The following charges were effectively served by him during his long ministry.

Salisbury, Md., Dorchester, Somerton, Cornwall, Bainbridge, Cressona, Harmer Hill and Jarrettown, Richmond, Pen Argyle, Tolyhanna, Allentown, 28th Shenandoah, Tamaqua, St. James, Trinity, Chester, 18th St., Presiding Elder, Columbia Avenue, Centenary, Lebanon, Chestnut Hill, Fern Rock.

For many years Dr. McDowell rendered most efficient service as Statistical Secretary. As Presiding Elder he displayed great administrative ability, and won the confidence and regard of the ministry and laity on his district.

Dr. McDowell seemed to be of frail physique when he began his ministry; but, in spite of this, he soon took high rank as a preacher and pastor, and maintained his standing to the day of his death. His disposition was pacific;