

JOHN DAVID KOHN

1858-1918

John David Kohn was born in Hardin County Ohio, November third, eighteen fiftythree; and died in his home in Springfield Ohio, July eighth, nineteen eighteen; aged sixty eight years, eight months and five days.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Cotter, May sixteenth, eighteen seventy six. Twelve children came to the home. Two daughters were called before the father, leaving ten to mourn the loss. The six sons are as follows: William of Zanesville Ohio; Carl and George of Sharon Pennsylvania; Clyde of Dayton Ohio; and Ralph and Earl of Springfield Ohio. The Daughters are Mrs. Elsie Holden, DeCliff Ohio; Mrs. Minnie Fifer, Miss Erma, and Miss Mamie, Springfield Ohio. Miss Pearl Dickerson, a grand daughter, has also been a member of the household since infancy. There are nine other grand children. Three sisters and one brother also survive him.

Within this large circle of loved ones love was given him because of the excellency of his character. This was the fruitage of an abiding faith in the Christ he had learned to know, love and serve.

For more than forty years he had been identified with the church, and in whatever vicinity he made his home he also found a church home. At the time of his departure he was a member of the **Stary-Hypes Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church**. In no service of the church did he take more delight than in the service of testimony. In this he found pleasure and profit as he told of his blessed experiences in the service of the Master. The Sabbath day found him in the place of worship, if it were possible, and other hours were precious to him as an opportunity for reading the message of life from the

Bible. In these hours of bereavement the picture of that father seeking the light of truth is precious to those who are bereaved, and his loving solicitude for the spiritual welfare of the family abides in memory as a sacred call to follow Christ as he loved Him.

During his thirteen years residence in Springfield he became well known, and a large circle of friends remember his industrious life and Christian influence.

The two weeks of illness were filled with suffering, but amid it all he had the comfort of faith, and when the time of his departure drew near he quietly set

his house in order, made all the preparations for the last services, rested contentedly in the faith in Christ which he had found helpful in life, and closed his eyes in peace. The testimonies of his lips have ceased but we remember with great satisfaction the living testimony he has left us that the Christ is sufficient.

The hope which made his thoughts turn toward the home prepared by his Lord was expressed by the following words which were written by him several years ago.

Shall we meet our loved ones yonder,
In the home beyond the skies;
Shall we know as we are known,
Over on the other side?

Yes we shall know as we are known,
And shall greet them over there;
We shall sing and shout together,
And shall be without a care.

Our loved ones over yonder
Who have trod the thorny road,
They are waiting they are watching,
In the city of our God.

They are waiting, They are watching,
They are waiting for us there;
They shall know us when they see us;
They shall know that we are there.