

# Obituary.

Following we publish a brief sketch of the life of Laor M. King, whose death was announced in these columns last week:

Laor Marlon King departed this life May 11th, 1905. Aged 74 years, 4 months, 4 days.

He was born January 7th, 1831, in Franklin, Oneida Co., N. Y. He is one of a family of eight children, several of which are living. He was married at the age of twenty to Miss Mary Cole. To this union were born seven children, five of whom are still living. The family moved to Vernon Co., Wis., in the fall of 1860 where he buried his wife ten years later.

In 1872 he again married, being united in marriage with Mrs. Lucy Harness, who survives him and mourns his loss. To this union was born one daughter now deceased. Another daughter they adopted, who is still living. In 1882 the family moved to Steele Co., N. D. and settled on the well known homestead northeast of Colgate. About fifteen years ago they moved to Hope which has been the home of the family since.

He entered the service of his country in 1863, and remained in active service until the close of the civil war.

Early in the 60's he united with the U. B. church. When he came to North Dakota he united with the Presbyterian church at Colgate. When that church was closed he received his church letter, which is among the family treasures today.

He became a devout Christian in early manhood, and in latter life somewhat drifted away. When taken with his last illness he was greatly worried about his spiritual condition. When told by the family that he had brought them up aright, he replied: "No, I don't feel right. I have grown careless." He worried a great deal until Rev. Dudley was sent for, who was the only minister then in town. He requested to be alone with Rev. Dudley, who talked and prayed with him. From that day he was satisfied. Never again did he worry. One evening he called the family together and told them his heart was now right with God. He had grown careless, but never prayerless. Urged all to devote their lives to God's service. He said: "If my life is spared, I will spend all my days in my Master's service. One hour with my Master is more solid comfort than a lifetime of worldly pleasure. I have real comfort.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were under the direction of George P. Foster Post, G. A. R. and the I. O. O. F. lodge of this city, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. D. I. Roush preached one of the most beautiful funeral sermons we have heard in many a day, and his remarks in reference to the character and life of the departed were most beautifully portrayed. The church was filled to standing room and the large concourse assembled, and from all over the county, on this occasion evinces the esteem in which the deceased was held. The sorrowing relatives have the sympathy and condolence of the entire community in this their hour of deep sorrow.

The following is a list of the names of relatives present from abroad: J. N. King and wife, and W. W. King and wife, of Tower City; Lenora King, and L. L. Lang, of Fargo.