

Frederick Cox

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On Monday, January 22nd, the subject of this sketch passed to the higher life at the age of 59. For many years Frederick Cox had been one of the solid supports of Colchester Primitive Methodism. All through life Mr. Cox stood true to his Methodist principles, and ever proved himself to be the minister's friend. Born on October 3rd, 1852, in the neighbouring town of Halstead, he removed to Colchester, where he was soundly converted under the ministry of the Rev. Robert Durrant. In 1872 Mr. Cox married Miss Warner, who in every way has proved a true helpmeet to him.

By trade a painter, our friend often gave his services gratuitously to the Church. His readiness to help on the work of God was always keenly manifested, even in reduced circumstances. In September, 1898, Mr. Cox became Society Steward at Artillery Street, and held the office up to the time of his decease, seldom, if ever, being absent from his post, and always carrying out his duties with punctuality and perseverance. Every means of grace that opportunity afforded, our brother attended. He was a quiet toiler, spending and being spent in the Master's service.

Rev. S. Willetts writes:—"I regarded him as a true friend to the cause, even in my time, but his usefulness in the Church has grown as the years have gone by."

The Rev. R. Holman also writes:—"Mr. Cox was a very loyal Primitive Methodist and felt deeply over the welfare of Artillery Street. He was a true friend of all ministers."

God's finger has touched him and he sleeps. Almost his last words were: "I am going home. There is nothing to live for." "Are you waiting for the Lord to come for you?" said his wife. "Yes!" was the sweet reply. Our brother awaits the Resurrection morn, and the triumphal entry of his Lord. The Church has lost a brave soul, and the ministry a true friend. The sympathy of all is asked for the sorrowing children in this their hour of deep trial.

References

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