

OBITUARY.

A NOBLE LIFE ENDED.

George Conrad was born in Cape Girardeau county, Missouri, Sept. 16th, 1820, where he grew to manhood. He was a student and student-teacher at Mission Institute, near Quincy, Ills. At the Institute he met Lucretia Shipman, whom he married in 1850.

In 1858 he homesteaded in Minnesota, remaining there through the Indian troubles, and the difficulties of pioneer life till 1869, when he returned to Illinois.

Since the spring of 1888 he has resided near Grinnell, till his death, March 15th, 1912, aged ninety-one years and six months.

For over seventy years he has been a member of the church, uniting with the Presbyterian church when he was sixteen. He heard his first sermon when he was fourteen. Most of his life he has been a member of the Congregational church.

At school, on the homestead in a new state, or wherever he has lived he has been an active worker in church and Sunday School, till advancing years compelled him, reluctantly, to give up such work. He has borne his share of the burdens of the communities in which he has lived. His interest in the colored people, led him on several occasions, to assist escaping slaves to freedom. The one lament of his declining years has been that he has been able to do so little in church and state. He has sought to be true to the two commandments upon which hang all the law and the prophets, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

His wife, Lucretia, preceded him into the larger life twenty-six years ago, and the oldest daughter eight years ago. Two sons and two daughters and a son's wife with their four children hold him in loving remembrance.

"The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

The funeral was held at his late home at two o'clock Saturday, conducted by Rev. P. F. Marston. The bearers were T. S. Mason, E. L. Gillespie, J. N. Hartzell, Wm. Turnbull, R. J. Hadley and Ralph Rutherford. Miss Stella Bartlett and Mrs. A. W. Child furnished music. Interment was in Hazelwood.

In Mr. Conrad a man of perfect integrity and rare sweetness of spirit has passed to the other side. Of a truth he was "one who loved his fellow men" and the loving memory entertained for him by all who knew him is his most enduring monument. An earnest Christian and in all ways a