

OBITUARY.

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*Samuel Law.*

Samuel Law was born in London, England, March 16, 1835. In 1855 when twenty yeears of age, he came to America, locating at first in the state of New York. In 1862, he enlisted in the C company, of the 108th regiment of New York Volunteers, serving through the war, and being twice wounded, first at Antietam, in Sept. 1862, when Lee's first attempt to invade the North was frustrated, and the way was opened for the proclamation abolishing slavery, and second at Gettysburg in July, 1863, when a second time, the great Confederate leader tried to charge the seat of war from the South to the North, and a second time was defeated in the atempt. Thus Mr. Law's service was closely connected with two of the most important crises of the great struggle. We hear more of the leaders in those great conflicts, Lee, Jackson, Longstreet, McClellan, Meade, Hancock, Burnside, etc. but the issues of these battles turned just as much on the fidelity and courage of the unnamed private soldiers, who crossed the swollen stream of the Antietam by the ford, and so made possible the crossing of their fellow soldiers by the bridge, or who met and made of no avail the wonderful charge of Pickett's Division up the Gettysburg hillside. Among these unnamed private soldiers, doing his duty, obeying orders, holding his place, was Samuel Law.

After the war, Mr. Law moved West. He was married at Hastings, Michigan, December 12, 1869, to Mrs. Sarah E. Gross. In 1875 they came to Iowa, and for the past thirty-six years, their home has been here. He has been known always as a sober, industrious, capable man, a good citizen, neighbor, friend and husband. He worked at his trade of cabinet-making with old-fashioned diligence and thoroughness. Any bit of work entrusted to him was sure to be well done; he was of that rare type of workmen, so satisfactory to deal with, whose thought was more upon his work than upon the pay he was to get for it. Yet he was prudent and thrifty, as the little property which he accumulated by his and his good wife's industry and care, bears witness.

For some years past the infirmities of old age, and the weaknesses resulting from his wounds and his hard military life, have been growing upon him. Since last October he has been confined to his bed, a great sufferer, but patient and always interested in life and in his friends.

The end came on Thursday morning, March 16th. His sister, Mrs. Kingdon, mother of the Kingdon Brothers, and of Mrs. J. C. Goodrich, and his wife, Mrs. Sarah E. Law, survive him.

Mr. Law was born and baptized in the Church of England; and never united with any other church. For that reason it seemed appropriate that he should be buried with the beautiful service of that historic church.