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**Rev. George Daniel Marsh, D. D.**

Rev. George Daniel Marsh, D. D., a missionary residing in Philippopolis, Bulgaria, died there Sept. 2, 1913. He was born at Quechee, Vermont, December 12, 1844. He graduated from Grinnell College in 1867 with the degree of A. B. and in 1870 received the degree of A. M. From Chicago Theological Seminary, 1871, he was granted the degree of B. D. In 1903 Grinnell College granted him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was a student at Yale Theological Seminary in 1870 and 1872, taking a course of lectures in medicine. He was ordained at Grinnell in 1872 in the Congregational church. President Magoun, of Grinnell College, preached the ordination service. His pastor, Rev. W. W. Woodworth, made the ordaining prayer.

He was a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. from 1873 till his death.

He enjoyed furloughs at his home in Grinnell in 1883-4 and 1896-7.

January 1, 1875, he married Miss Ursula C. Clarke who had been a teacher in Mission Schools in Broussa and Danissa, Turkey. Miss Clarke visited Grinnell after her engagement to be married and addressed the students of the College here and met a good many of Mr. Marsh's friends. She made a good impression as a woman of strong character and well fitted to do good service in the great work in which they were to labor. Three of the four children born in their family are graduates of Grinnell College; two sons and one daughter. The younger son nearly completed his college course.

Mr. Marsh was an organizing missionary in a large field about as large as the state of Iowa. He traveled much and directed the work of people distributing Bibles and other religious books. He also directed the erection of church and school buildings. When at home on furlough in 1896 with the permission of the officers of the Board he was securing funds to erect a fine church edifice in Philippopolis, his home city. He also built for his own dwelling a substantial flat, a part of which he rented to the missionary pastor there. He also built a store building for books from which he has been able to supply Bibles and books at lowest rates to aid the Bulgarians in securing education.

When Oski Zaghra was burned during the Russo-Turkish war, Dr. Marsh's home was burned and the family fled according to the Scripture, Matt. 10:23, and so the parents and two sons survived. Another city afterward was doomed to destruction and Mr. Marsh interceded with the Sultan and secured an order to spare the city. The people hailed him as the savior of their lives and their homes.

At Bourgas, on the northwest coast of the Black Sea he made a wise choice for a place to build a house for a pastor and school and school and church service. It became a strong Protestant center.

All over Bulgaria he traveled to encourage and help the people whom he loved, helping them to accept the truth of the gospel. He met and honored their statesmen in councils. Dishonesty he opposed everywhere.

His forty years of devoted service were spent in the field to which he was sent.

His last illness was a severe trial of courage and faith yet he wrote letters showing that his interest in the welfare of his brothers and sisters in the Christian churches was unabated even though the country was shaken and afflicted with the horrors of war.

His name should be enrolled high upon the scroll of Christian heroes.

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