

## TWO DEATHS CAUSE SADNESS IN EWART

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Rev. Thomas A. McKernan.

The Rev. Thomas A. McKernan was born in County Tyrone, Ireland. He grew to manhood in the country of his nativity. He received his academic education in Queen's college. For some years he was an elder in the old home church and for about 10 years he was engaged in city mission work in Belfast. After completing two years of theological study in Belfast seminary he came in 1892 to America and completed his theological course in Albia, United Presbyterian seminary. Immediately after graduation from the seminary he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Albia United Presbyterian church, where he served for several years. Since then he has served as pastor at Starkville, Miss.; Eden, Ill.; Dexter, Ia.; Washburn, Ia.; and Ewart, Ia.

Everywhere his work has been characterized by earnestness and faithfulness. Kindness and affability were marked traits of his character and commended him to those with whom he was brought in touch, whether as pastor, neighbor, or fellow citizen. A manly Christian man, a kind husband, a faithful pastor, an accommodating neighbor and a sincere friend, he has passed from among us and entered into the rest provided for him by the Lord whom he trusted and loved.

In 1896 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Shearer of Albia. She and one cousin, Mrs. Dr. E. C. Simpson, of Boston, Mass., are the only relatives in America who survive him. He passed into his rest Feb. 29, 1916. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The funeral service was conducted at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. R. Lawrence, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. J. Blagg, pastor of the Methodist church in Montezuma. Rev. Mr. Me-