

G. H. OBITUARY. 1916

Luther W. Stowe.

The good old pioneer has at last passed away. The kind hearted, genial Luther W. Stowe, the oldest man in Grinnell for many years, has at last yielded to the infirmities of old age and has joined the large majority. His age was 96 years, 11 months and 30 days, almost 97 years old. He was known by every citizen of Grinnell as a quiet, unobtrusive man, always cheerful and useful, a gentleman in the true sense of the word.

Luther Watson Stowe was born near Boston, Mass., Aug. 13, 1819, afterwards moving to Eaton, N. Y., where he worked at the trade of wool sorter. Here he was married to Phoebe R. Allen, whom he survived by several years. They came to Iowa in 1856, moving to a farm near Oak Grove and later, in 1876, coming to Grinnell, where ever since they had lived.

Three children were born to them, B. A. Stowe, W. W. Stowe, and Mary J. Stowe-Sampson, all living now in Grinnell.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" were the words from which the Rev. Dr. Stoddard spoke at the funeral of L. W. Stowe on Monday afternoon. If Mr. Stowe had lived a few additional hours he would have seen 97 years.

His was, in no pronounced and obtrusive sense, a remarkable life, unless the virtues of industry, sobriety, patience, carefulness and Christian character combine to make any life distinguished. Surely it was so with Father Stowe. Known for many years in Grinnell, he was highly respected as a father, neighbor, citizen and a Christian. For many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he became well known as a liberal supporter of the budget and benevolences, a strong, earnest, reliable, and devoted possessor of the Christian spirit and a practical exponent of applied Christianity.

The funeral service was held at the home of his son, W. W. Stowe. Of the twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren living all were present but one. From other cities were present Mrs. Pegram and her children of Muskogee, Okla., and Mrs. Stowe-Manatt of Mason City.

Mrs. Hazel Black and Mrs. Floy Dempster sang several sweet and impressive selections. Many friends were present, despite the very stormy day, as an evidence of their respect for Father Stowe.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness during the illness of our father; and to tender special thanks for the beautiful floral offerings sent in his memory by individual friends, lodges, and orders.

- Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stowe.
- Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Stowe.
- Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sampson.