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A GOOD MAN GONE.

Last Saturday evening after a long, lingering illness, Rev. Geo. H. White passed to his reward. Born Dec. 29, 1830, had he lived two months longer he would have celebrated his 80th birthday. He was born at Harrisburg, Pa., and graduated from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1852. After graduating from the theological seminary he was united in marriage in 1856 to Joanna Fisher at Chester, Vt. A short time after they went as missionaries to Turkey, serving at Abuh, Gorta, and Marsh. At the latter place they served their Master four years, when the breaking health of Mr. White forced them to return to America.

In 1872 Mr. White accepted the pastorate of the Chester Center church, where he served until 1886. Continued poor health made it necessary for him to sever his pastoral relations with the church he loved and whose membership loved him. For 24 years his home has been in Grinnell, where, broken in health but strong in spirit and cheerful in heart, he has shed sunshine and love and has in a less widened field continued the life of usefulness begun in the days of his strength.

No more words can do justice to the life work of this noble man, and yet no words of praise for him should be unmindful of the noble woman who so many years stood by his side to assist him.

During their days in Chester we presume their best work was done. It was a model country community and into its life the good man fitted as if born for such a work. Probably no church ever loved a pastor with a more heart devotion, and no pastor ever contributed more to the moral and Christian progress of a community than did he. Every word was a benediction, every smile an inspiration, and every one who came within reach of his influence was made better by it.

His sermons showed a breadth and a scholarship which would have commanded a much larger field, were it not that his weakened body was unequal to the task of assuming greater responsibilities. Every word was an inspired utterance, inspired by love of God and man, inspired by a desire to live to the fullest the life that Christ exemplified, and a desire to aid in the upbuilding of Christlike character.

For fourteen years the Chester home was a model one, and to be invited within its door was a joy to young and old. Since coming to Grinnell its activity was somewhat narrowed, but it ever maintained the same spirit of welcome, of cheerfulness, of help.

A good man has gone to a higher life where suffering is unknown, but for long years the fragrance of his sainted life will linger as an inspiration to all who were so fortunate as to feel the inspiration he brought.

The funeral service was held at the late home, in charge of Rev. Chas. Noble, at two o'clock, Monday. After a short prayer, a song, the body was re-

moved to the church. Prayer was offered by Dr. Stelner, words of love and reverence were spoken by Professor Parker, songs were sung by a male quartet, and the body was taken to Hazelwood and placed beside that of his wife. Bearers were Henry Sherman, A. R. Heald, W. G. Willard, J. P. Lyman, G. H. Hamlin and W. G. Ray.

Two children survive Mr. White, the Rev. George E., who was privileged to spend the past year with his father, and who is now on board ship in the Mediterranean returning to his work in Marsovan, Turkey, and Mrs. C. E. Childs of this city.