

In Memoriam

REVEREND STEPHEN GOODYEAR BARNES, D. D.

On January 5th, Rev. Stephen Goodyear Barnes, D. D., known clergyman and teacher, long identified with Congregational interests in Vermont, died at Essex Junction. Dr. Barnes was born at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on April 2, 1853. Graduating with the degree of A. B. from Lafayette College in 1873, he continued his studies in English philology and received his Doctor of Philosophy in 1878. In 1890 the degree of Doctor of Literature was conferred upon him, and in 1896 Iowa College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Between the years of 1873 and 1891, Dr. Barnes was professor of English literature at Grinnell College, Iowa, where he married Hannah W. Magoun, who survives him.

Having been ordained to the Congregational ministry in 1881, Dr. Barnes became pastor of the Long Meadow Congregational Church at the conclusion of his work in Grinnell, and continued in this field for nine years. Then, after two years spent as college pastor and Dean of the Theological Department in Fiske University, Tennessee, he came to Vermont as minister of the South Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury, where he had another pastorate of nine years' duration.

For about nine months during the years 1912 and 1913 he was employed as stated supply of the First Congregational church of Burlington. From this position he was called to become Director of Religious Work in the University of Vermont, where, in addition to his other work, he was professor of Biblical History until his retirement in 1918.

Dr. Barnes' work in theology was done at Andover and Hartford Theological Seminaries, with which he always maintained close contacts. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, author of numerous essays and addresses on religious themes, and for a time editor of the French-American Citizen.

Subsequent to his retirement, Dr. Barnes supplied Congregational churches throughout Vermont for many years. His work in Richmond continued in this way uninterruptedly for nearly two years. He also had an extended interim pastorate at Williamstown, Vermont, and rendered a

like service in over one hundred separate Vermont communities; these associations gave him an acquaintance throughout Vermont and a knowledge of the state, excelled by few persons.

Dr. Barnes will be greatly missed from the fellowship of the Vermont ministry. He was long Scribe of the Winooski Ministers' Association and of the Chittenden County Association of Congregational Churches. He seldom failed in his attendance at the state Annual Meeting and at the Middlebury Convocation and no one present at these meetings participated with greater delight in discussion and debate than he. For long as a member of the State Committee on Ministerial Standing, he was a counsellor, philosopher and friend to the younger ministers and was beloved by all of them.

After funeral services in the First Church at Burlington in which Rev. C. C. Adams, Rev. Evan Thomas and Rev. William F. Frazier participated, interment was made in Long Meadow, Massachusetts. Mrs. Hannah M. Barnes still resides at Essex Junction where she received many tokens of the regard in which Dr. Barnes has been held throughout Vermont.

EMERITUS

By Rose Alden

Those who knew Rev. S. G. Barnes can hardly fail to identify him as the subject of this poem when they read the accompanying note by the Editor of The Congregationalist who wrote:

"The following poem is in reverent tribute to a veteran minister of Vermont who died recently in his seventy-ninth year. Its author says, 'I have not thought it necessary to attach his name, because those who love him will recognize the portrait, and because to others it may be a tribute to someone else who has done equally loving service.'"

Simple in all his tastes, he loved fair trees,
Counting each sweeping bough a thing of grace;
Loved slow steps up the steep to where a view
Of old New England mountains circled round;
Wrote birthday letters year by year to those
Whom he had held beside the sacred font,
Baptizing them to live in faith, hope, love;

To others gathered one by one, a sheaf
Of old affections held by memory's pen.
Books were his treasury when he would preach
Those clear-cut sermons, reasoned, quiet, true:
Books scattered now, that younger men in turn
May light their flame. Now he grown weary, old,
Read most those holy words he knew by heart;
Used simply kindly speech to near and dear,
With whom he shared each daily thought or prayer;
Yet held one tie the dearest, being one
Who named his Savior as a little child
Might name his brother; called Him closest friend,
"More real to me than you with whom I speak."

Stephen

Prof. S. G. Barnes Dies In Vermont

Word has come to Grinnell of the death last week Tuesday of Prof. Stephen G. Barnes for many years in charge of the department of English in Iowa College. Dr. Barnes was a student of rare worth, an enthusiastic and successful instructor and a devoted leader of the young.

He has been preaching for a number of years at Essex Junction, Vermont. He early received a degree in theology and often filled the pulpit in Grinnell. People were delighted to hear him partly on account of his real scholarship and partly on account of his fine interpretation of Christian ideals. His wife was Hannah Magoun, daughter of Pres. Magoun, a woman also of culture, refinement and education.

Mr. Barnes left Iowa college about 1889 to join the Congregational ministry and for many years his home has been in or near Essex Junction.