

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1918.

OBITUARY.

Eugene Warren Fisher.

Eugene Warren Fisher was born in Chester Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa, July 9, 1865, and died August 2, 1918. April 8, 1903, he was united in marriage to Emma Esther Dempster. To them were born three daughters, Esther, Ruth and Dorathy.

In 1883, with his sisters, Elizabeth and Fanny, he united with the Congregational church of Chester Center, to which he gave a full consecrated allegiance till called to the home above. He received his education in the Chester school and Grinnell college. After two years of college work he gave up his plans for further school work to take up the management of his mother's farm. Though but nineteen years old he assumed the full responsibility of farm management, that he might lighten the burdens of a widowed mother's responsibilities. In his work on the farm he applied himself with that persistent endeavor to realize the best that honest toil of hand and brain could produce, that he easily won for himself the honors of being one of the best farmers this county had ever known. One man, some years ago, remarked to the writer of this note, "that if he could choose between a four year's course for his son at Iowa State College, or four years of training on the farm with 'Gene' Fisher, he would choose the latter." To him every business transaction was a matter of conscience and he acted on the square. He put the religion he professed to a practical test in his business relations with the world.

For eight years we knew him as a parishioner who worked at his religion, the same practical planning and attention to detail that made him a successful farmer and business man was worked out in his religious and church life. Eugene Fisher could say, "I love Thy church, O God," and to the church he united with thirty-five years ago, he gave without reserve his time and money. Every call for funds for the Master's cause found in him a responsive friend. His duty to his church in whatever capacity he was called to serve, was as painstakingly performed as his duty on the farm or public life and the full measure of fifty-two Sundays a year was the duty he set for himself unless prevented by unavoidable causes.

He was public spirited and gave freely of his time and money to every enterprise which was for the public good. He was greatly interested in the school and endeavored in his years of public service in the schools to realize the best possible results.

He was a real home lover and a home maker, a man whose heart would never tire or grow old, a lover of children. He was a favorite with young people. Thus, in the midst of life's duties, in the very center of life's activities, he lay down his work. He leaves a wife and three daughters, an aged mother (Mrs. Ellen Fisher of Grinnell), two sisters (Elizabeth and Fanny Fisher, also of Grinnell), with a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

His voice is stilled, but the beauty of his life and character will continue to live in the life of his family, his church and in this community. The funeral services were conducted from the Chester Congregational church on Sunday afternoon, August 4, Rev. H. L. Wissler of Gilbert, Iowa, a former pastor, being in charge, assisted by Prof. Spencer, and the body was laid to rest in the Chester cemetery.

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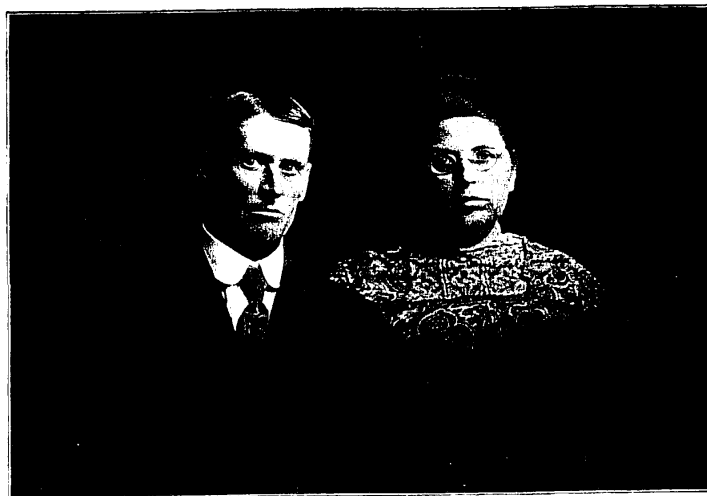
A native of Poweshiek county and from his earliest recollection identified with agricultural interests, Eugene W. Fisher, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, has continued in this county all his life and is now one of its prosperous farmers. He was born in Chester township, July 9, 1865, and is a son of Edward and Mary Ellen (Davis) Fisher, both of whom were born in Vermont and were married in that state. The father, as a young man, came to Iowa in 1860 and located in Poweshiek county. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry and served for sixteen months. After receiving his honorable discharge he went to his old home in Vermont and was married February 16, 1863, soon afterward bringing his bride to this county. He died April 30, 1875, having attained a position as one of the prosperous farmers of the county. He served for several years as town clerk of Chester and was one of the original sixteen members of the Congregational church at that place. Mrs. Fisher is now living at Grinnell. In their family were five children, three of

whom survive: Eugene W., of this review; Elizabeth A., who is now a teacher in the Grinnell high school; and Fannie O., a teacher in Grinnell Academy.

Eugene W. Fisher attended the district schools and Grinnell Academy, thus laying a foundation for an education which he has greatly broadened by reading and contact with the world. After leaving school he devoted his attention to the cultivation of the home farm of two hundred and thirty acres, of which he is now the owner. He has succeeded through industry, unfaltering determination and indefatigable energy, applying to his business a practical judgment which has made him one of the substantial citizens of the county and a worthy successor of his father.

In 1903, in Chester township, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Emma Dempster, a daughter of John E. Dempster, a well known farmer, a record of whom is found elsewhere in this work. Three children have been born to this union: Esther E., who is now attending school; Ruth M., also a pupil in school; and Dorothy E.

Politically Mr. Fisher is a supporter of the principles of the republican party and in religious belief he is a consistent adherent of the Congregational church, being a member of the church at Chester Center. All his life he has adhered to what he believed to be right and true and thus he gained the confidence and respect which is freely accorded him by his fellow men.



MR. AND MRS. E. W. FISHER