

10-22 OBITUARY. 1907
DAVID HIGBEE.

Although it has been about a dozen years since David Higbee, who died after fourteen months' illness of Bright's disease at his home in Des Moines, October 16, and was buried here Saturday afternoon, left this city, there are a large number here who knew the man and admired his sterling character and clean life.

David Higbee was born at Hayesville, Ashland county, the eldest son of Jesse and Susan Higbee, in March, 1837. With his parents he came to Iowa ten years later and was one of the early settlers near the old state capital at Iowa City just one year after Iowa had been admitted into the Union.

Here he spent his early years on the farm and at the University, where he was one of the earliest students. In 1857 he married the good wife who survives him, then Miss Anna E. Barnes of this vicinity. When the Rebellion broke out he answered like a loyal citizen and went to the front as a private in the 22nd Iowa infantry, serving bravely through many of the most important engagements of the war till discharged at Savannah in 1865. At the battle of Fisher's Hill in Virginia, he was severely wounded. So excellent was his service that he was successively promoted to sergeant, sergeant-major and finally to the captaincy.

ing the war he promptly passed the paper and position to the man who was next in line of promotion, saying, "This by right belongs to you and not to me. I will not accept it."

Two of his family have already preceded him to the future life, his youngest son, Edward C., and his eldest son, Frank D. There survive him the bereaved wife and his daughters, Mrs. Mary H. Reeves of Kansas City and Miss Nellie Higbee of Des Moines, all of whom were present at the brief services held at the cemetery, before the remains of this sturdy, noble man were laid away in the family lot.

Funeral services had been held in Des Moines, conducted by Dean A. M. Haggard, of Drake university and J. Madison Williams, an old friend. At the cemetery a beautiful tribute was paid to the memory of the deceased by Prof. L. F. Parker and Rev. Mr. Medbury, pastor of the University Place church, Des Moines, who was intercepted by a telegram while on his way home from the east and stopped off here for the services. The G. A. R. of this city attended in a body.

Turning to the pursuits of peace once more, Capt. Higbee engaged in farming for a number of years and then became a traveling salesman in which occupation he has been employed for twenty-three years, being when he died one of the best known and most popular veteran salesmen on the road. During this time he lived at Grinnell, Osceola and for the past twelve years at Des Moines. He twice made this his home, first coming here about 1867 and leaving here the second time about twelve years ago.

David Higbee was a true, manly man, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was courteous and dignified in his bearing, but warm hearted and kindly to any approach. He was generous and hospitable and no visitor left his congenial home without being refreshed by the good nature and manliness of the man. He received the tribute of loving hearts in his own family and returned the devotion and affection of an ideal husband and parent.

Throughout nearly his whole, long life Mr. Higbee was a believer in the Christian religion and a consistent follower in the Master's steps. He was one of the early members of the historic little church at Higbee's Grove, near Iowa City, which afterwards became part of the large Church of Christ at Iowa City. He carried his Christianity into practical life and did unto others as he would have them do unto him.

One interesting anecdote is referred to by the Des Moines Capital as characteristic of the man. On receiving a promotion to a lieutenant's rank