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OBITUARY.

John Theron Marvin.

One of Grinnell's good men passed to his last long rest when Rev. John Theron Marvin died last Saturday night in the Methodist hospital in Des Moines, where on Thursday he had undergone a serious operation. The funeral will be held Thursday at 4 o'clock from the Congregational church. Mr. Marvin had been in failing health for some time.

John Theron Marvin was born in Camden, Oneida county, N. Y., June 22, 1849, the oldest son of Henry Sweezy and Hannah Park Marvin. When he was three years and eight months old the family moved to Iowa in March of 1853, locating on a farm three miles straight north from Tipton, in Cedar county. Here they remained until Mr. Marvin was fifteen years of age. Later his father exchanged the farm for a larger one in the southeast part of the county six miles northwest of Durant, to which the family moved in the spring of 1865. Later he sold this and bought 240 acres of prairie land in Poweshiek county on the county line west of Grinnell going out on First avenue, and to this new home the family moved in January of 1868.

Mr. Marvin received his first instruction in the district schools. Later he studied for one year in the Tipton high school, and during the fall term of 1867 in the academy at Wilton Junction. In the fall of 1868 he entered Iowa college academy, completing the course and entered college, where he took the freshman and sophomore years. The junior and senior years of study he spent at the State university in Iowa City, where he graduated in 1877. Mr. Marvin paid his own expenses during his college life by working on farms during the summer vacations and by teaching country schools in the winters. Between his junior and senior years he took one full year as principal of the city school of Stuart.

Following his graduation Mr. Marvin taught school in Iowa and later in Minnesota. He entered the ministry in home missionary work while he was teaching in Minnesota. Though not

equipped with any technical or special theological training he met with abundant success in the pastorates which he served in Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa. While teaching in Benson, Minnesota, in 1884, Mr. Marvin filled a number of preaching dates and the people of Campbell, a little village about 70 miles from Benson, were so pleased with him that they asked him to come and be their pastor. He accepted and after a year of trial he found the work so congenial that he resigned his position as superintendent of the Benson schools in June of 1885 and entered upon his real life work in the ministry as a home missionary pastor.

Mr. Marvin filled pastorates in Campbell, Graceville, Appleton, and Hamilton, Minnesota. While at Appleton he was ordained on Oct. 28, 1886. In July, 1889, he resigned his work in Hamilton and went to Chicago, hoping that he might secure a church near enough to the city to permit him to enter Chicago Theological seminary and take a course of training. In this he was unsuccessful, but he served pastorates at Forrest and Hillsboro. In 1893 he came to Iowa and was pastor at Anita and Corning until 1897, when he retired from the ministry and for a period of ten years was engaged in the hardware business in Grinnell, during which, however, he withdrew long enough to accept a two year pastorate in the Shell Rock church, from November, 1904, to June, 1906. He also did supply work in Chester Center, Kellogg, Van Cleave, Turner, and Centerdale.

In January of 1908 the business was sold and he again turned his entire attention to the ministry, going to Ogden, Ia., as pastor in February, 1908. In June, 1908, he was compelled by failing health to resign. In November, 1908, he had recovered sufficiently to accept a call to Cincinnati, Ia., for one year and then went to Lake View, where he served from Dec. 1, 1909, until July 1, 1913, when a second break in health caused his permanent retirement. Since then Mr. Marvin had spent most of his time in Grinnell, though with characteristic eagerness to serve he had supplied the pulpits of churches in Van Cleave, Baxter, and other points.

He is survived by his wife and six children; Mrs. Thomas Newton of Fresno, Cal.; T. H. Marvin, of Minneapolis; Arthur R. Marvin, of Portland, Ore.; Wilbur F. Marvin, of Grinnell; Mrs. John McAniff, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Harry Harless of Ogden, Ia.