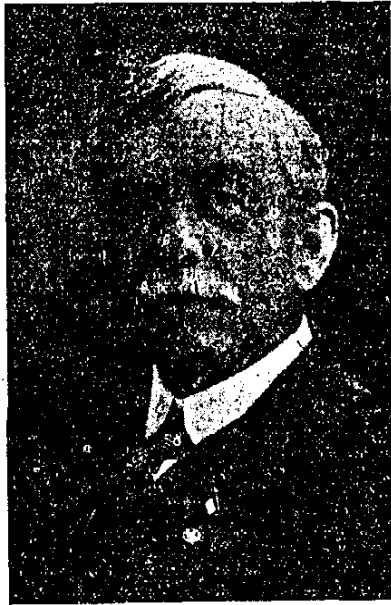


He Lives In The Hearts Of His Countless Friends



CHARLES F. RICKER

"For He Was A Good Man"

Words of his Pastor Fittingly Epitomize the Life and Character Of Charles F. Ricker

END OF LONG LIFE COMES
LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

Funeral Services Monday Afternoon Are Conducted by Rev. William Welsh

"For he was a good man" was the text chosen by Rev. Wm. Welsh for his discourse at the funeral of Charles F. Ricker at the Baptist church Monday afternoon. No words could have been chosen which would more fittingly have epitomized the life which has just reached its close.

Coming to Grinnell as a boy, a member of a family whose members have exerted a powerful impress upon this community, Mr. Ricker has lived here practically all his active life. It has been a blameless life; a life devoted to home and church and friends; a life full of kind words and helpful deeds. All during these last years of increasing feebleness Charlie Ricker has been privileged to know the staunch devotion of countless friends who have loved him in his active life and have held him in sincere affection until life's long pilgrimage was over.

Charles F. Ricker was born in Scott county, near Davenport, Dec. 31, 1850, the son of Edward and Clara Ricker. He was one of ten children, all but one of whom lived to useful and successful maturity. When he passed away at 11:35 o'clock Saturday night he had attained the advanced age of 81 years, 7 months and 6 days. 86-32

When Charles was a boy of seventeen his parents moved the family to Grinnell and in 1868 Mr. Ricker built the house on East street now owned and occupied by Miss Emily Manatt. Although it has been remodeled it is one of Grinnell's pioneer houses and is said to have been the first two story house erected in the community. Charles and his brothers worked hard as boys. For several years they rented land from nearby farmers and worked it. After a few years, however, Charles and his brother Frank went into Henderson Herrick's hardware store where they learned the trade of tinning under the able direction of A. B. Mack.