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George M. Spooner.

George M. Spooner was born near Centerville, Iowa, December 26, 1858. He was educated in the district school and, after graduating from the high school in Cincinnati, taught for some years in the grades.

He was married, December 28, 1883, to Miss Edith Atherton, and to them were born three children—Mabel Maud and Harry Amos; also George Edwin, who died in infancy. Mr. Spooner was interested commercially in Grinnell for some years and for twenty years was a traveling salesman. At the time of his death he was anticipating a return to the road, as soon as he recovered his health, and was in communication with several houses which were soliciting his services. He was converted in the Grinnell Methodist Episcopal church and was received into the church by Rev. T. B. Hughes, D. D., during his pastorate here.

Dating from a severe attack of typhoid fever several years ago, Mr. Spooner had found his health declining, tho at times he and his friends were hopeful of recovery. However, in spite of fond hope and the ministry of his faithful family and others, following another attack of what appeared to be the result of brain congestion, he expired on Monday, May 13th, aged 53 years, 5 months and 17 days.

Mr. Spooner was a quiet type of Christian man, faithful in church attendance, interested in the church and things good, helpful in many ways for whatever promised to conserve the best interests of the community; hopeful, ambitious, energetic; a fond husband and father, beloved and respected by a very large number of friends who appreciated his character and worth.

Sincerely and with unfeigned love this church and city sympathize with Mrs. Edith Spooner and family, as well as with all who were near to him.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. B. Hughes and Dr. W. P. Stoddard, both of whom had been pastors in Grinnell, at the home on Wednesday, May 15, a large number of friends being present.