

Obituary.

Rev. Thomas Marion Prickett was born April 16, 1850, in New Douglas Madison county, Ill., and died Jan. 2, 1897, after an illness of three weeks. His life was spent in the ministry of the Methodist church, having preached at Elkhart, Williamsville, Pleasant Plains, and many other places. He leaves to mourn his loss a loved wife, father an mother, and two sons, Emmett and William. The father and mother are living in Washington State, and the great distance prevented them from being present at the funeral. Rev. T. M. was the only child.

The funeral obsequies were attended by a very large congregation of devoted friends of the deceased pastor, and sympathizing hearts for his family and relatives. Although the weather was so severely cold and stormy, the large audience room of the church was so packed that additional seats were improvised. The funeral was conducted by Dr. Smith, Presiding Elder of this district, assisted by Revs. McElroy and Wood, both of whom were former Elders, also Rev. T. B. Wright of Rochester.

The pall-bearers, who were ministers, were as follows: W. Aitken, Cantrill, S. Reed, Curran, T. B. Wright, Rochester, C. R. Carlos, J. A. Duley, Springfield, M. R. Palmer, Elkhart.

The service was most solemn and beautiful, and Elder Smith expressed the sentiment of the congregation when he said that the occasion was one for solemnity but not for sadness. Because Bro. Prickett had only been transferred at the noon hour of a day that had a limit, to one where there was eternal light, so shade us, oh sparrow, no pain.

removed from our midst a kind and devoted husband, a loved and cherished father, an able, earnest and efficient pastor, a noble and exemplary citizen. He has lived with us for more than fifteen months and had become endeared to the whole community by his godly walk and pleasant demeanor. He exemplified in his life how it was possible for a man to be transformed from the world to such a degree that they can live a pure and holy life while living in the world and shed a halo of love in every action and word of his life. He reflected in his life the life of his Master, even during his sickness he never uttered a murmur or complaint, but bore his sufferings with Christian patience and fortitude. He was the highest type of American citizenship in that he took a deep interest in passing events and was a close observer of public men and measures. He was fearless in giving expression to what he thought was right and condemning what was wrong. He was well rounded out in his life. With malice toward none and charity for all, his friends were only limited by his acquaintances, for to know him was to form an imperishable esteem and love for him. His services in the church of his choice have been to the full extent of his being and most acceptable to the church and community. He had an especial tact in enlisting the sympathy and services of young as well as the old in his congregation, thereby keeping the work in systematic order.—Pleasant Plains (Ill.) West Saugamon Gazette.