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Having a premonition that he might not live through the winter, he did not wish to go to Florida last fall. So he and Mrs. Gould remained in their Anamosa home.

Early in February he had a severe attack of flu from which he was rapidly recovering. He passed away in the night and in his sleep. A while before the end came he and his wife awoke. She went to his bed and in reply to the question as to how he felt he said: "I feel so comfortable." They talked for a time. He felt so much better, that he planned what he was going to do the next day; and, among other matters, referring to me, he said: "I am going to write to Frank tomorrow. I have much I want to say to him." Ten days before this time I had written him a long letter. He again said: "I feel so comfortable," and they both fell asleep.

His wife awaking at seven in the morning knew at a glance that he must have passed on. The message of the Death Angel must have been one of joy, for his face was radiant, full of peace and happiness. When the family physician arrived, he said that he had been dead four or five hours. As the doctor looked upon that calm face he said to Mrs. Gould: "How I wish I could look like that when my time comes to go."

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Anamosa at two o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, March first. The pastor, the Reverend H. D. Green was in charge, assisted by Dr. Earle A. Baker, superintendent of the Davenport District. Many preachers of the Conference were in attendance, and a number of them acted as pall bearers. The interment was in the Riverside Cemetery at Anamosa.

I was deeply moved when I learned that I had been in the thought of my dear friend, and that my name had been upon his lips just a little while before he died. Yes, Charlie, we will take up and carry on our interrupted conversation again in the morning.

R. FRANKLIN HURLBURT.

HENRY H. BARTON

Henry H. Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Barton, came into life in Stuben County, New York, on July 20th, 1858. The family moved to Iowa while he was yet a young boy and settled in Jasper County. Here he grew to manhood. His mother died while he was yet a boy, and since he was eleven years of age, he has made his own way in the world. While gaining a living, he also obtained his education.

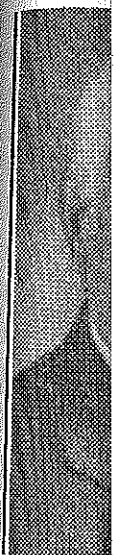
He has been a member of the Methodist Church since his youth. Hearing the call of God to the Ministry, he took it to be a call to a fuller preparation, which call he answered by entering Garrett Biblical Institute, graduating in 1895. The same year, he applied and was admitted on trial into the Upper Iowa Conference. He gave all of his effective years to this Conference until the session of 1922, when he asked for and received the retired relation.

During the thirty-seven years of active ministry he served the following charges: Ionia, National, Elberon, Ackley, Geneva, New Hampton, Postville, Reinbeck, West Branch, Delmar, Clarksville, Gladbrook, Fairbanks, Nora Springs, Arlington, Shellrock, and Dumont.

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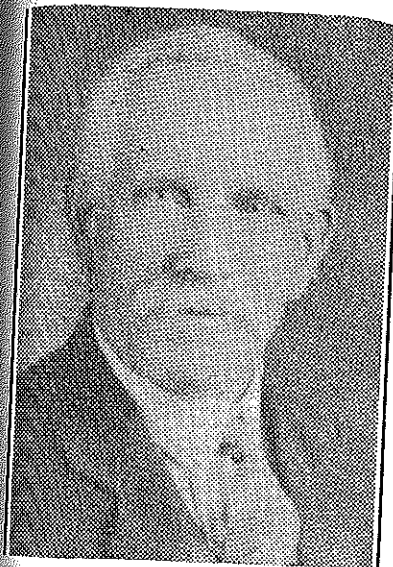
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complish this himself.

He was united in marriage to Isabelle Logsdon at Newton, Jasper
County, on December 22nd, 1879. She was the mistress of the parson-
ages during his entire effective relation. After retirement they made
their residence in Cedar Falls. While residing there and for some time
afterwards, he supplied the East Janesville church. Mrs. Barton de-
parted this life in June of 1928.



Their six children survive
them. They are Harry O. Bar-
ton of Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs.
Nellie Arrington of Spencer,
Iowa; Mrs. Pearl Hunt of Shell-
rock, Iowa; Raymond Barton of
Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Bessie
Griffin of Cooks, Mich.; and Mrs.
Ruth Reeve of Keosauqua, Iowa.
He rejoiced in twenty grand
children, four of whom had pre-
ceded him in death, and one
great grandchild.

He was one of eight chil-
dren given his parents, six
brothers and one sister having
departed. He leaves one broth-
er, John Barton of Davenport.

On January 2, 1930, he was
united in marriage to Mrs. Cath-
erine Metcalf, and found in her
a kind and loving helpmate.
Since his marriage he resided in
Dumont, where he was held in
high esteem, and going he leaves

many in this community who are under a deep sense of loss.

Some three weeks before his decease, he became very ill from what
he thought was a recurrence of a complaint of some years standing.
His illness upon examination proved to be appendicitis with compli-
cations demanding surgical attention. He was taken to the hospital
at Waverly on Saturday, March 4. He rallied from the operation,
living until Friday, March 10, 1933, when he passed from suffering to
the rest that remaineth for the people of God. He was gladdened by
the presence of all of his children and his loved wife during these days
of suffering, recognizing them all, and though weak he expressed his
pleasure at their presence, and his Christian Victory in the closing
hours.

Henry Barton was a sincere Christian man, "A good minister of
Jesus Christ," a true citizen, a real friend and loyal supporter of his
pastor.

"Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare's done,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.

Redeemed from earth and pain,
 Ah, when shall we ascend
 And all in Jesus' presence reign
 With our translated friend?"

On Sunday afternoon, March 12, 1933, after prayer at his late residence, he was taken to the church in Dumont of which he had been the pastor and to the last a faithful attendant and worker, attended by his family and accompanied by a number of the members of the Conference and members of the Butler County Ministers' Association, where at 2:30 o'clock the funeral services were held in charge of the pastor, Dr. Frank P. Shaffer assisted by the choir of the church. Dr. J. Arthur Young, District Superintendent preached the sermon, Rev. Fred A. Smith read the Scripture, and Rev. E. A. Sabin offered the prayer. The church was crowded with neighbors, people from several charges he had served, and relatives and friends. After the services here, his body was taken to Shellrock, Iowa, and laid to rest in the early evening hours of a beautiful Sabbath day, in the full assurance of a glorious resurrection.

FRANK P. SHAFFER.

WILLIAM BEVERLY DAVIS

William Beverly Davis, a good man and faithful minister of the Church, passed from the sufferings and activities of earth to an abundance entrance into the City of God.

W. B. Davis answered to the roll call in the Upper Iowa Conference for thirty-seven years, having been admitted in 1879 and retiring in 1916, during which he served the following charges: Quasqueton, Dubuque Circuit, Dyersville, West Union, Wyoming, Clarence, Rockford, Nashua, State Center, Delmar, West Branch, Farley and Dyersville, Stanwood, Mechanicsville and Elberon.

He was united in marriage on October 12, 1880, to Miss Ella Ambrose at Rochelle, Ill., and to them were given four children. Mrs. Florence Taillander of Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. George B. McKenzie of Davenport, Iowa; Harold Davis of Vicksburg, Miss.; and Charles Davis of Tama, Iowa.

Upon taking the retired relation, brother and sister Davis resided at Tama, where he entered earnestly into the life of the local church and community; part of the time, while residing there he supplied our church in Montour and did excellent service.

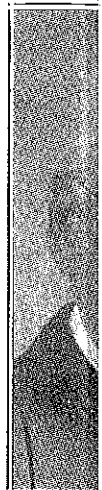
It was while the writer was pastor of Tama that Mrs. Davis died. This bereavement came to brother Davis and the family February 20, 1920.

Brother Davis after visiting with his daughter in Davenport went to California and resided with his daughter in Oakland.

He often wrote the writer of his enjoyment of the scenery and climate of California and also of his work in the First Church in that city; as the leader of many prayer meetings, a teacher of the Sunday school class, and missionary work at the jail among the prisoners. He was happy in the privilege which was his in hearing many leading preachers as well as his appreciation of the pastor.

It was while living in Oakland, he met Mrs. Emma L. Daniels, the

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