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The Passing of Rev. Milton Thomas Nolen

Tall, lank, without grace of movement, and with form and features chiseled after no particular model, but with kindly manners and a face always wreathed in smiles of love and gentleness—that was M. T. Nolen.

He was born of W. B. and Martha Nolen in Yell County, Arkansas, March 14, 1879, and passed away at the hospital in Eugene, Oregon, February 27, 1926. He came to Idaho when that state was a wilderness, and spent his boyhood days near Clearwater. He was married to Jennie Allison on February 6, 1903, at Grangeville, Idaho. Two children were born to this union, Irl and Roy, who, with their mother, are left to cherish the memory of their devoted father. Eight years after his marriage he was happily converted, and immediately went to preach the Gospel that had saved him. His first work was at Spalding, Idaho, where he held a revival and organized a church. He also served as pastor, Juliaetta, Lapwai, Sweetwater, Kenwood, Deer Lodge, Montana, and Bandon, Oregon. At nearly all of these charges he held gracious revivals and was instrumental in greatly advancing the work of the Master. He was District Evangelist one year. For the last few years before he passed away he served charges at Shedd and Yoncalla for the M. E. Church, but with the sanction of the Bishop. At the time of his going away, he was pastor at Yoncalla, although a supernumerary in our own Conference. His health had been very poor for a number of years. Yet he worked with zeal and remarkable success in revivals for the most part. He held many revivals in both his own and the M. E. Church, and hundreds of souls were converted to God under his earnest ministry. At his request his wife received license to preach from the M. E. Church, and in many of these meetings she rendered valuable assistance. Brother Nolen had unusual native ability and made full proof of his ministry. On his death bed he made all arrangements for his funeral. During these days he wrote, while in great physical pain, many beautiful sentiments of faith and love and evidenced his unflinching devotion to his Lord and his willingness to depart and be with Christ. At his request the writer conducted his funeral services at the M. E. Church at Alpine, Oregon. In this service District Superintendent Rev. S. J. Chaney, and the local pastor assisted. He was buried at Oregon City. Here he awaits the resurrection of the faithful. We shall meet him over yonder. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

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