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ir preacher. The gospel trumpet He was a faithful and impartial pastor, an affectionate husband and father and grandfather, and a true friend. Besides his companion he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Bessie R. Payne of Momence, Illinois, two sons, Ralph B. and Elliot F. of Denver, and three granddaughters of Momence, Illinois, and many warm friends. Interment was at Moline, Illinois.

-JOSEPH G. BONNELL.

Eugene H. Smith

James Russell Lowell remarked at the funeral of Dean Stanley, in Westminster Abbey, that he had never known anyone who was so pleasant to so many people. That remark is exactly fitting in a biographical sketch of Eugene H. Smith. He was pleasant to everybody in all the communities where he lived. The editor of the Grand Junction Sentinel, in an editorial entitled "He Was a Gentle Spirit," voices the feeling of all Eugene Smith's friends when he says: "If ever there was a son of man prepared to go before the Throne and meet his Maker, face to face, it was this gentle-spirited, warm-hearted, noble-minded friend."

Eugene H. Smith, son of W. T. Smith and Amelia Jack Smith, was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, January 13, 1867, and passed from his home on earth in Grand Junction, Colorado, to his home in heaven early on Tuesday morning, June 22, 1915.

His father was one of the pioneers of Northwest Iowa, where Eugene as a boy learned something of the hardships and the heroism of pioneer life. The family moved to Rockwell City in Eugene's childhood, and his boyhood days were spent in that place.

After completing his public school course, he graduated from Epworth Seminary in 1886, at which place he met Miss Lillie M. Kidder, whom he afterward married, July 21, 1892.

He graduated from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1890, and from Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, New Jersey, in 1894. During his seminary course he was private secretary to Dr. Henry A. Buttz, president of the institution. His first pastorate began in Sibley, Iowa, in August, 1894, a commodious church being erected during his pastorate. After two years on this charge, failing health compelled him temporarily to forego ministerial work, and he removed to Blanket, Texas.

Later he filled an unexpired term in the pastorate at St. Paul's Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and in 1901 he completed a vacant pastorate in Canon City, Colorado, and served as pastor of that church the following year. He then served the Monte Vista charge for three years, and in 1903 he was appointed to Grand Junction, of which church he was pastor until the Conference of 1905, when failing health compelled him to abandon active ministerial work.

His beloved wife and one daughter, Ruth Marie, survive him; also his step-mother, Mrs. Eliza J. Smith of Blanket, Texas, and five brothers,

Merle N. Smith of Colorado Springs, Wilmot T. Smith of Blanket, Texas, Roy L. Smith of Denver, Clarence J. Smith of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and Aleck A. Smith of New York City. All these members of his family were present at the funeral services, conducted by Dr. D. D. Forsyth, in the First Church at Grand Junction, on Sunday, June 27th, when the people of Mesa County filled the church and the streets. The growth of moral sentiment is shown when the funeral service of a minister of the Gospel brings together the largest concourse of people ever assembled in the county at such a service.

His mother preceded him to the Land of Rest in 1890, and his father in 1904.

Our brother tasted the unspeakable bitterness of broken health and shattered plans and purposes while he had a veritable passion for souls and an intense longing to give his life to the ministry of reconciliation. The members of his family bear loving testimony to the patience, the bravery and the fortitude with which he met these keen disappointments, and testify to his unfailing sweetness and cheerfulness and unswerving trust in the goodness of his Heavenly Father.

If there has ever been justification for some miracle of healing, it would seem that Eugene Smith's broken body called for that miracle. But who can say that the discipline of suffering is not just as necessary for all of us as the discipline of health and glorious achievement? We have all been made better by the suffering and disappointment of this good man whom God has now withdrawn into the deeps of eternal life. If the Captain of our Salvation needed to be made perfect through suffering, we shall not find any other road to the deepest refinements and the most complete purifications. Our brother fought a good fight and finished his course in honor. He has now received the crown.

-HENRY A. BUCHTELL

Howard Goldie

Howard Goldie was born in North Gorrie, Ontario, Canada, October 28, 1875, and went to his reward from Beulah, Colorado, July 11, 1915.

In 1895 a youth in his teens entered the Detroit Conference asking but appointment on a frontier district, and accepting joyfully a hard backwoods circuit. The next year found him sought as pastor of the best church in that immediate vicinity. He was useful and esteemed in every charge served during his seventeen years in the Detroit Conference. In 1912 he came hither and was stationed at La Junta. He soon made a large place among us, using the new lease of life given by our sunny skies and bracing air to accomplish the crowning work of his ministry.

His appointing brethren wished for him a strong body for his splendid mind and heart, placing him where he could do the most good with the least draft upon his depleted physical vitality.