

OBITUARY.

The COURIER is called upon to chronicle the demise of one of our oldest citizens this week—John E. Johnson, who passed away at his farm home at 2.30 p. m. Monday afternoon after an illness of one week. Mr. Johnson came home a week ago last Saturday with a severe cold. It gradually grew worse until a few days before his death it developed into pleuro-pneumonia and he was unable to withstand the ravages of the disease and passed quietly away to that bourne from whence no traveler returns. John E. Johnson was born at Vexio, Sweden, Nov. 1st, 1854, and was 48 years old. He came to this country when quite young. When in his teens he went to work on the railroad and had been at it ever since for 30 years or more. For a great many years he had been an employe of the Northern Pacific in various positions of trust and was roadmaster of the Coopers town and Casselton branches at the time of his death. He was a man of sterling qualities, conscientious in his duties and faithful to his employers, and was one of the oldest and most trusted men on the Northern Pacific railroad. Deceased was a man of few words but he was a man of large heart. He leaves a heart broken wife and five children, the oldest being 16 years old, a daughter. Deceased was a member of Northern Light Lodge Masons. He joined the order April 30, 1892, Occidental Lodge No. 27 of Hope. When Northern Light lodge was instituted June 9, 1896, he became a charter member. He was also a 32d degree mason and a Shrine member. He was a member of Griggs Lodge No. 13, A. O. U. W. and carried \$2,000 insurance in that order. In the death of John E. Johnson the wife loses a faithful husband and the children a kind father, the railroad loses a valued employe, and the town and county one of its best citizens. The funeral took place at the farm home two miles north of town Wednesday afternoon, the ceremonies being in charge of the Masons, Rev. O. D. Purinton, chaplain of the lodge being the officiating clergyman. The remains were interred in the cemetery. Sympathy does not do much to alleviate suffering, yet the COURIER sincerely offers its deepest sympathy in conjunction with a host of friends to the bereaved wife and children. May they bear up bravely under the heavy load of affliction.

A special train came up the branch with Supt. Wilson and other railroad officials and members of Masonic lodges from Fargo, Valley City, Sanborn and Jamestown. The wreaths of beautiful flowers were very numerous.