

## In Memoriam.

Died, at his home in this city, Friday, March 29th 1907, at 6:45 A. M., George A. Luce, aged 64 years 7 months and 11 days.

In the death of Bro. Luce we lose one of the early pioneers of this city and county, and, as he is known in Masonic circles, the father of Occidental Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., Hope, in which organization he had climbed to the topmost round. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite bodies of Fargo and an El. Zagal shrine, I. O. O. F. and Knight of Pythias. In 1893 was grand treasurer of the grand lodge A. F. & A. M.

He was a man of generous impulses and his list of friends is many. He has filled the various relations of life, as son, husband, father, brother, friend and filled them well. Who can do more? He was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father; to his friends the soul of friendship. But the greatest of all he was a man. He believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Which faith today is the great ruling power of this nation, and of all Christian nations on the face of the earth. In his heart he carried those he loved, and his hand was never weary in caring for and ministering to those who were in any way dependent upon him.

But he is gone. Another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers, and a lonely home is left to attest how sadly they will miss him. It must be so, these tender human ties cannot be severed without a pang. "We are all born to die."

Besides a devoted wife he leaves several children. We can only remind the dear ones that he is not dead, he is only asleep—resting after a long and well spent life here. Prepare you the way, so that when the summons comes you may say as he did "All is well", and, that you may be duly and truly prepared for admission into the Celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Grand Master presides.

The funeral services were conducted at the Congregational church, Monday at one o'clock P. M. The beautiful Masonic burial ceremony was used at the grave. Occidental lodge attending in a body. Rev. Hitchcock preached a very forceable sermon and spoke, in words of tenderest sympathy and comfort, of the deepest Christian hope and promise. The choir rendered several appropriate selections. The flowers were many and beautiful.

The following Masons acted as pallbearers: F. N. Gilmore, C. S. Moores, W. E. Taplin, W. E. Elliott, A. M. McLaughlin and N. N. Lund-ing, while the honorary pallbearers were R. A. Pope, H. P. Patten, E. Q. Carver, W. J. Milligan, W. U. White and J. W. Larimore.

The services were the largest attended of any funeral ever held in this city, the church being packed to the very doors, which fully attest to the high esteem the deceased was held in this community. A number were present from out of town.

Interment was made in the Hope cemetery.