



*Rev. W. W. Hart*  
*Pastor First Congregational Church*

Rev. and Mrs. Hart come to Cooperstown with the earnest commendation of their co-workers on previous fields. Mr. Hart was graduated from Western College (A. B.) from Christian Institute of Chicago, graduating (B. D.) from Chicago Theological Seminary, and also taking two years post graduate work at Chicago University. He has been ten years in the ministry, five of which were in Chicago. It is said of him that "he is a mixer, perhaps rather more popular with men and young people." He is credited with combining earnestness and the devotional type with broad liberality. Four church buildings have been erected in places where he has labored, and church financing has been a strong point in his work. Mr. Hart brings to this field the vigor of manhood in its prime, and love for his brother man, the ruling passion of his life. His purpose in coming to the Northwest is to do "his life work in a new state." Hitherto, he has preferred the hardest fields and has restored run down churches. He is also a lecturer of credited ability. The following letter is given as received:

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1908.

Mrs. J. N. Brown,  
Cooperstown, N. D.

Dear Madam:—

We have seen the announcement here that the Rev. W. W. Hart, the former pastor of the Garfield Park Congregational Church, Chicago, has accepted a call and is settled in the thriving city of Cooperstown, N. D., as pastor of the First Congregational Church.

We feel that our congratulations are overdue at your office for a live town deserves a live minister and Rev. W. W. Hart proved himself even more than that in our parish. He came here when a new church proposition was pending for want of energy and organization and Rev. Hart was instrumental in directing the resourcefulness of this people so that money was pledged to the amount of about \$10,000 for a new church. Mr. Hart has a host of friends in this central and beautiful part of our great city and will be missed out of our ministerial work.

As a graduate of our Chicago Theological Seminary he will prove also a safe and sane religious leader and a citizen of no mean ability. A christian minister who "does things" and does them "on the square."

We bespeak for him a pleasant and helpful pastorate in N. D., and warn the people that they cannot have him long if they do not use him right.

Cordially yours,

J. D. ANDREW, Clerk,  
W. N. BESSEY, Pastor.