

AT REST.

Death of Samuel A. Fisher—Sketch of His Life.

When the news came Sunday morning that S. A. Fisher was dead there were few who expressed surprise, for his feeble physical condition was well known, and yet the news came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances, who could hardly realize that the gentle, kindly old man was no more. Three weeks ago last Friday Mr. Fisher went to Detroit, Minn., to visit his sister, Mrs. Corbett, hoping that a change of scene would be of benefit. He seemed to improve somewhat and to grow stronger, but the change was evidently of a transitory nature. Sunday morning when his friends entered his bedroom to call him to breakfast it was found that the spirit had passed away. The body was yet warm and every indication showed that the end had been painless and peaceful. His hands were loosely crossed upon his breast, and his feet were also crossed, this being his accustomed method of sleeping.

Samuel A. Fisher was born at Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, June 9, 1835, and while a young man came to the United States, locating at Montgomery, Mass. Here his Masonic history commenced. He joined the blue lodge at Montgomery, and later became a member of Milford chapter and Milford commandery. He served as eminent commander of the latter organization. In 1874, in company with his lifelong friend, Captain Jasper White, he moved to Davenport, Iowa, where they engaged in business. Mr. Fisher's earnest interest in Masonic work was recognized in his new home and he was chosen eminent commander of St. Simon Cyrene commandery, of Davenport. His health failing, he disposed of his business interests in Davenport and moved to Minnesota, where he resided for a year or two and then came to North Dakota, taking up government land a few miles north of Oriska in this county. This was in the fall of 1880. He continued to reside on his farm until March, 1892, when he moved to Valley City, where he has since resided. He helped to organize St. Elmo commandery, of this city, and was its first eminent commander. He also assisted in the organization of Woodbine chapter, O. E. S., and was the first worthy patron of that society. He was a member of Kaaba temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Davenport.

Mr. Fisher was elected to the state senate during the first session of the legislature after statehood. In politics he was a republican, although of late years he has taken but little interest in party matters.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended. Masonic services were held at the church and at the grave.