

## REV. THOMAS BIGGER DEAD.

Was Minister of the Gospel for Many Years and Did Great Service in the Lord's Vineyard.

Thomas Biggar was born July 18, 1837, at Huntington, Quebec. At the age of eighteen he came to Iowa, locating at Bradford, this county. He married Miss Agnes Laird on April 9, 1861.

October 19, 1861, Mr. Biggar enlisted in the Iowa company of the engineer regiment, known as the "Regiment of the West," or "the sappers and miners." It was a regiment raised by Colonel Bissell, and consisted of a company from each of the western states.

For a long time Mr. Biggar had felt the call to preach. In 1887 he yielded to the divine promptings and for six or seven years served charges in Wisconsin. About 1894 he was pastor at Tiffin a short time and later served the Millersburg congregation two or three years.

Going back to Wisconsin he continued his work there until 1906. In the course of his pastorate in Wisconsin he built three new churches.

Retiring from the ministry on account of failing health, in 1906, he located at Osceola, Iowa, and lived there until the year 1912 when he went to Marengo, Iowa, to be near his daughter, Mrs. Geo. W. Danskin, and from that time until his death he made that place his home, altho nearly every summer he came to Nashua to spend a few weeks in his favorite pastime of fishing. He was a frequent visitor at the Reporter office while in Nashua and it was a pleasure to the editor to visit with him and listen to his stories of early day life in this community.

He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Danskin, near Ladora, on Monday, April 16, 1920, after a long and useful life.

He is survived by two sisters: Mrs. I. M. Fisher of Cedar Falls, and Mrs. James Laird, Eugene, Ore; also by three daughters: Mrs. A. T. Adams, Sleepy Eye, Minn., Mrs. E. T. Grand, Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. Geo. W. Danskin, Marengo, Iowa; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren besides many other relatives and friends who mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Danskin, conducted by Rev. C. A. Field, pastor of the M. E. church. Music was furnished by Mill Millicent Willis and Mrs. Vivian Brown. Following the services the remains were brought to Nashua for interment. The Grand Army Post of which he was a member, having charge of the burial service.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the relatives and friends, also the G. A. R., who so kindly assisted during the burial of our dear father, Thomas Biggar.

Mrs. Geo. W. Danskin,  
Mrs. A. T. Adams,  
Mrs. E. T. Grand.