

ology for three years. In 1882 he came to the United States to complete his course at St. Olaf's college, Northfield, Minn.

He was married to Julia Sletten, Kenyon, Minn., Sept. 8, 1888, and with her went to Dazey N. D. to accept his first call as a pastor. For 32 years he served the local church as well as the country churches of St. Olaf and Eidfjord, nearby.

After some years he also took over the churches at Osterfold, near Finley, N. D. and Beaver Creek, near Hatton, N. D. He served them for about ten years. At the same time he organized the Lutheran congregations at Hannaford and Mabel.

Rev. and Mrs. Thoreson lived in Dazey for three years, then then took up a homestead where they lived for 11 years. In 1902 they moved to Hannaford where they made their home until in 1920, when ill health made it necessary for Rev. Thoreson to give up his work and move to Fargo. He served as a deacon in the First Lutheran church at Fargo, and acted as pastor when there was need. He assisted in the work of the Lutheran Children's Home until his failing health prevented.

Surviving are the widow and nine children. The children are: Edna Thoreson, a teacher at Mapleton; Lydia, a student nurse at St. Luke's hospital; Harold and Philip, Fargo; Mrs. E. S. Wagner and Marcus Thoreson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. F. L. Weeks, Las Cruces, N. Mex.; Walter J., Denver, Colo., and J. Oliver, Kirksville, Mo.

As a pioneer pastor he endured many of the hardships connected with pioneer life, but he was strong and robust and therefore seemingly did not pay much attention to these things. Inclemency of weather did not stop him in making his appointments. He came to church when no one else would dare to come. Because of his faithfulness and his punctuality his work was crowned with success. Congregations were well established and others were planted which stand as a beautiful monument to his honor and name today. Besides the family and relatives he leaves a large host of church members and friends who feel the loss in being bereaved of this true and good minister and shepherd; and yet we cannot help but rejoice in the victory which is his; the crown of glory.

Last fall when he was here we thought he had many more days in which to live. We heard him preach and we rejoiced to know he was so strong, but suddenly the time was up. The last day of his life he bid his family farewell as if he was going on a journey. He died in the faith of his Redeemer.

Blessed be his memory.

The other pastors present at the funeral services were Rev. Tj. Tjornhom of Fergus Falls, Rev. T. S. Hanson from Warwick and Rev. M. Tuftland from Klotten. All spoke a few words in memory of Rev. Thoreson.

The four congregations, Hannaford, Eidfjord, Mabel and St. Olaf gave in memorium gifts besides the flowers as a token of respect and esteem.—Hannaford Enterprise.