

## OBITUARY.

DUGGER—Died at the home of Bro. R. J. Saunders, Palisade, Colo., Dec. 17, 1910, our beloved brother, A. F. Dugger. Funeral discourse and burial at Bassett, Neb., Dec. 22, 1910; services conducted by Bro. Mentzer.

Andrew Ferguson Dugger was born at Jonesborough Ind., Dec. 5, 1844. His father, James Dugger, was in the 1844 Adventist movement, and during these times of religious excitement Andrew was born. Shortly after his birth the family removed to Ogle County, Ill.

At a very tender age Andrew began to study the Bible, taking a copy of it to the fields and reading while he rested the team. It can be truthfully said of him, as Paul said of Timothy, "From a child thou hast known the holy Scripture." He followed the instruction of Solomon, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and early in life professed faith and obedience, which profession he maintained without wavering until his death.

During his childhood (his father having a large acquaintance with the great leaders of the Adventist movement,) young Andrew was early in life brought in contact with the great leaders of that day, such as Reed, Himes, and others we might mention. Their visits to his father's home were a source of delight to the Bible loving boy, as it gave him the opportunity of gathering information and counsel from these worthy men, and probably had much to do with the determination he made early in life to become a minister of the gospel.

At the age of 15 he held his first discussion, not a boyish debate, but a real discussion of the nature of man with a man of age and recognized ability. From this age his ministry may be said to date, and lasted for 51 years, his work the last few years being limited by physical weakness, his last discourse being preached only a short time ago, for a neighbor, Richard Ballinger, whose son had died.

He attended the country schools in his boyhood, and feeling the need of education attended college at Mt. Morris, Ill., Bro. A. J. Eychaner being a classmate. At about 18 years of age he came west, being among the first, if not the first to preach the nature of man, state of the dead, etc., west of the Mississippi river. Many First Day Adventist churches and conferences sprung up, mainly the result of his untiring labors in the ministry, traveling on foot, preaching everywhere the message of the coming kingdom. Encountering opposition and sometimes violence, he never paused, but opposition only increased his determination to continue in his work. It was at this period of his life that he wrote the "Traveling Preacher," a poem descriptive to a limited extent of his experience, two lines of which I insert as an expression of his life work:

"I cross her broad prairies and face the snow and rain,  
To tell poor earless sinners that Christ will come again."

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A. F. Dugger was born near Jonesborough, Indiana, December 6, 1844.

In 1847 his father moved with the family to Ogle county, Ill., where they lived until 1865 when they moved to Adams county, Iowa. He was married to Virginia Belle Miller in 1875 and after living for awhile in Missouri he moved to Clay county, Nebraska in 1883 and remained there until 1885 when he moved to Rock county and has since made his home here.

He received his elementary education in the country school and completed at Peoria, Ill. Being always religiously inclined he entered the ministry at the age of 15, and at the age of 16 held his first public discussion with a minister of quite a little experience and surprised his relatives and friends by receiving the decision, the minister himself saying, "I was never so much surprised in a boy in my life."

In his early years in the ministry, he emulated the example of the disciples, traveling on foot from place to place, preaching the gospel of the coming kingdom. In this way, he traveled over a great deal of Missouri, Iowa and Illinois, organizing churches and preaching the gospel everywhere. At this time he was identified with the First Day Adventists church but later

