

DEATH OF HON. O. B. KIDDER.

Again it becomes our duty to report the death of a friend, and one of the oldest residents of the county:

ORLANDO BURR KIDDER was born in Weathersfield, Vermont, August 14, 1811, and died at his home in this town, October 14, 1881. Having spent his early years in his native State, he moved to New Hampshire, and lived many years in the towns of Newport and Claremont, and came to Minnesota in 1854. Here he located a farm and by good management made it both profitable and beautiful. He watched with an eye of interest the progressive movements of his town and county, and was always glad to see evidence of prosperity everywhere. A year ago he was chosen to represent the western district of Dodge county in the legislature and proved a faithful Representative, and was honored and respected by the body of which he was a member. Failing health induced him to resign his seat. The last few weeks were quiet and peaceful, declining rapidly, but without pain, willing to stay, but ready to go, satisfied that life had not been a failure—but the end was at hand. The funeral took place on Sunday, the 16th inst., at his late residence. Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather and the extremely bad roads, the attendance was very large. An excellent prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. Ainslie, after which Rev. John Stafford, a much esteemed friend of the deceased, delivered an appropriate discourse, full of kind words of instruction and sympathy for the living, and respect for the dead. Upon the elegant casket was a beautiful wreath of flowers and also a wreath of ripened wheat, emblematic of mature manhood. One by one passed by to take a last look, a long procession followed to Claremont Cemetery, and the lesson was once more stamped on the mind—
PASSING AWAY!