

### OBITUARY.

John Knittel was born in Basdorf, Germany, August 1, 1826. He was baptized in infancy and became a member of the Lutheran church by confirmation in his youth. He came to this country, locating in Schuyler Co., Mo., in 1841. In 1849 he united in marriage with Catharine Smith who died in less than a year after their marriage. The following year (1850) he united in marriage with Mary Drescher Sloop. To them were born nine children, six boys and three girls, two of whom have preceded him to their long home. In 1873 he united with the M. E. church of which he has continued a faithful and consistent member to the time of his death. After a prolonged illness of nearly four months in his residence in Queen City, he passed peacefully away to his eternal reward at about 8 o'clock p. m. April 26, 1905, aged 78 years, 8 months and 25 days. He leaves to mourn his departure besides his devoted companion and children, two sisters, Mrs. Fred Smith of this county, and Mrs. Stephen Werly of LaGrange,

Mo. Thus God has taken unto Himself an exemplary christian worthy of our emulation, and a most faithful and efficient servant. Of him we may truly sing.

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to weep;

A calm and undisturbed repose  
Unbroken by the last of foes.

Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest,  
Whose waking is supremely blest;  
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour  
That manifests the Saviour's power.

The funeral services were conducted in the M. E. church by the Rev. C. C. Crickette, assisted by Rev. Dr. Jacoby, pastor of the Lutheran church, after which, for the accomodation of the country people, they proceeded to the St. John's Lutheran church where Dr. Jacoby conducted the services assisted by the Rev. C. C. Crickette. Following this service the interment took place in the cemetery east of the church.