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After recovering his health the young soldier assisted in the organizing of the 122nd regiment and returned to the front in 1863 as the second lieutenant of Company I, of that regiment. He was unfortunate in being captured and served twenty-two months in the confederate prisons at Macon, Ga., Charleston, S. C., and Libby prison, at Richmond, Va. At the close of the war, Mr. Armstrong received his honorable discharge, and located at Clinton, Ill., where he was engaged in teaching in the public schools having given up that vocation when he entered the services of his country.

After spending several years in the west he prepared himself for the ministry and in the year 1873 entered the Ohio conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and was ordained as a minister of that faith. With the exception of one year which he spent at the Boston University school of theology he continued to occupy various charges until 1897. In this year, by his own request he took a superannuated relation with the conference in order to give his children an opportunity to attend at the Ohio Wesleyan university.

Although the Rev. Mr. Armstrong had lived in the city but a short time, coming here from Newark, he had made many close personal friends, who will be pained to learn of his demise. Besides a daughter, Miss May Armstrong, who is a teacher in the High school, he is survived by one son, Fred Armstrong, of Chicago, Ill., three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Grace church at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, the Rev. A. M. Courtenay officiating, and interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery. The deceased's wife died May 19, 1882. In 1905 he removed to Newark where he made his home with a daughter, Mrs. R. E. Beard, until her death in 1908.

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