HOODTRIVER GLACIER, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1921

IS 80 YEARS OLD

(By Addison Bennett in Oregonian) Sitting in his beautiful home on

For almost three and forty years Dr.

Eliot has resided in that dwelling,

which he had erected 12 years after

coming to Portland. He came here as the first pastor of the First Unitarian

church, arriving from his home in St. Louis via San Francisco, in the good

ship Montana, with his young wife and

one child, the latter being now in

charge of the church founded by his father in 1867. The vestry call to Dr. Eliot, who was then assistant to his father as pastor of the First Unitarian

church of St. Louis, was signed by such well-known men of that time as Thomas Frazer and C. W. Burrage. The little society that called him had

a small church on property they had

bought which was then "out in the wooded suburbs" at Seventh, now Broadway, and Yamhill streets, but by

1878 the present church was erected, and in the same year Dr. Eliot had his

present residence ready for occupancy, still farther "out in the woods.

For a quarter of a century Dr. Eliot

occupied that pulpit, building up one of the strongest, largest and wealthi-

est Unitarian congregations in the west. Then he was so revered that his vestrymen compelled him to retire

as active pastor and become pastor emeritus, "one who has served long and faithfully," says the dictionary, and I would add, "one whom we all

He was succeeded by Rev. Earl M.

Wilbur, who had been his assistant for

a few years, and then Rev. Cressey and Rev. Lord, for short periods, and in 1906 Dr. Eliot's oldest son, Rev. William Greenleaf Eliot, "the worthy son of a worthy sire," took charge and

will no doubt become the emeritus pas-

This is not to be a biographical sketch. I have just given a running fire to lead up to the fact that we have with us yet one who has labored long.

patiently and successfully for his congregation, his city and his state. Dr.

Eliot was averse to having any men-tion made of the event, but 1 per-suaded him to let me write "four sticks" as due to the tens of thousands

who love him. So this is just a brief tribute of love and esteem, and a small

payment on the obligations due one

who has become an institution rather than a citizen, an institution for the

building of character and all else that

makes our citizenship higher, brighter,

better, cleaner and in every way more

tor in 1931 if he is then alive.

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