Prof. R. H. Perring Died Sunday Following a Heart Attack

Professor R. H. Perring, fine scholar, devoted teacher and a key member of the Grinnell College faculty, of which he had been a useful member since 1903, passed away Sunday afternoon at a local hospital to which he had been taken Friday evening after a sudden heart attack. He had passed his sixtieth birthday last August and would have completed his teaching career next June.

Professor Perring's influence had reached far beyond the confines of the college which he had served so faithfully and so ably. His interest in community activities was wide and helpful. His pleasant personality and his cordial manner made him welcome wherever he went. All his life long he retained a keen interest in wholesome sport and for many years was one of Grinnell's leading golfers. He was a member of the Country Club, the Elks and the Poweshiek Club, to each of which he brought a distinct contribution.

Roy Henderson Perring was born August 2, 1874, in Bloomington, Ill., the son of Casper and Ella Perrielli. He attended the public schools in Bloomington and in 1899 graduated from Indiana University from which he also received his Master's degree. In 1899 and 1900 he traveled in Europe and studied at the University of Leipzig. He pursued graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania in 1904-05, and received his Ph.D. degree from that institution in 1908.

On Dec. 23, 1900 he married to Miss Fannie Reid of Pendleton, Ind. One daughter, Katherine, now of Washington, D.C., is the only surviving child. He is also survived by a sister, Miss Lottie M. Perring, of Bloomington, Ind.; Professor Perring's connection with Grinnell began in 1903 when he joined the college faculty as Seth Richards professor of the German Language and Literature. His only absences from the campus have been his sabbatical year of 1917-18, which he spent at Columbia University and Harvard University and his period of American Red Cross Camp Service during World War I, during which he served at Gerstner Field, Lake Charles, La., Camp Beauregard in Louisiana and Camp Shelby in Mississippi.

Sound scholarship in his chosen field and devotion to his college duties distinguished Professor Perring during his long service to Grinnell. He will be greatly missed in the many fields in which he was active.

Funeral services will be held in Herrick Chapel at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in charge of Dr. J. L. Nolen.

Dr. Perring of Grinnell Dies

GRINNELL, Ia.—Dr. Roy H. Perring, 69, chairman of the modern language department and professor of German at Grinnell College, died at a hospital here late Sunday following a heart attack suffered Friday.

One of Grinnell's oldest faculty members in point of service, he was appointed to the Seth Richards chair of German language and literature in 1903.

Dr. Perring was born Aug. 2, 1874, at Bloomington, Ind. He received his A.B. and A.M. degrees from the University of Indiana. In 1900 and 1901 he studied at the University of Leipzig, in Germany, and in 1905 received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. A sabbatical leave in 1914-15 was spent at Harvard and Columbia universities.

During World War I, he served with the American Red Cross at Gerstner Field, Lake Charles, La.; Camp Beauregard, La., and Camp Shelby, Miss.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Masons, the Elks, Phi Beta Kappa, and the American Association of University Professors. He was also the author of "Wilhelm Tell Legenden," and "German Political Unity in the German Novel," both publications of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Perring is survived by his wife, a daughter, Katherine, of Washington, D.C.; and a sister, Lottie M. Perring of Bloomington, Ind.