

Pay Tribute To Mrs. W. W. Bolt

A spontaneous tribute of esteem and affection was provided by the large attendance of Grinnell people at the funeral services held in the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. W. W. Bolt, beloved wife of the pastor, who passed away Monday after a long and painful illness.

Mrs. Bolt had not been a Grinnell resident long but in the short period during which her health permitted her activity she left a lasting impress on the church and the community and her death leaves a vacancy that will be hard to fill.

The services were marked by simplicity and dignity. Professor H. W. Matlack was at the organ and played softly while the company assembled and while the funeral party entered the church. Rev. Royal J. Montgomery, director of Religious Education for the Congregational Conference of Iowa was in charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. E. M. Vittum, pastor emeritus of the church and by Dr. E. A. Steiner of Grinnell College. Rev. Mr. Montgomery read from the Scriptures and Dr. Vittum offered prayer, filled with comfort and sympathy.

Dr. Steiner was the first speaker and brought a tribute marked by eloquence and deep feeling. Mrs. Bolt, he said, was beautiful because she set God's world in her heart and it shone forth and illumined all her actions. He spoke of her in the various relations of life and showed how in each the love of God which was within transfigured and glorified all of life's activities.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery, in his remarks, found his inspiration in the wellknown Bible verse, "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly." Mrs. Bolt, he said, was an exponent of the abounding life. From her very girlhood days she was a leader in Christian activity and in all the cities where her husband has held pastorates she has exerted a constructive influence especially among the women and young people. Her greatest monument here, he said, is to be found in the high school Christian Endeavor Society in which her influence was remarkable. He spoke also of the active part which she played in revising the women's activities of the church. She has gone on, he said, to serve in a richer and more abundant life.

A quartet, composed of Mrs. F. J. Kiesel, Mrs. R. T. Bouma, Wilfred Smiley and Charles Loveland sang three selections: "Hark, Hark My Soul", "Abide With Me" and "Crossing the Bar", with Professor Matlack at the organ.

The pall bearers were A. M. Burton and F. J. Kiesel as representatives from the church, Hubert Pye and Alden Read from the Sunday Evening Club and Ellis Brown and Jack Lockhart from the Christian Endeavor Society. The body was taken Thursday morning to Omaha for burial.

Those from out of town present at the funeral were Lote Tasker, of Albert Lea, Minn., a brother of Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Carpenter of Lincoln, Neb., Mrs. Bolt's sister, Miss Mildred Towles of Omaha, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Pynn and Mrs. Cochran, brother-in-law and sisters of Dr. Bolt, of Utica, Ill., Ellsworth Bolt, a brother of Dr. Bolt, of Decatur, Ill., and Miss Amy Bolt of Peoria, Ill.

Funeral Of Mrs. W. W. Bolt Wed.

General regret will be occasioned by the announcement of the death of Mrs. W. W. Bolt, who passed away at her home Monday afternoon, after a long illness. Mrs. Bolt came to Grinnell when her husband assumed the pastorate of the Congregational church here and as long as her health permitted played a prominent and useful part in the activities of the church. Her greatest accomplishment was the re-organization of the women's activities on the basis upon which they are now functioning and she was interested and helpful in every movement for good in the community. Mrs. Bolt spent most of last summer in the hospital in Rochester and since her return has been failing slowly, but steadily. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Dr. Bolt in this great bereavement.

Funeral services will be held from the church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be in Omaha.

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