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FRIENDS SAY LAST FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

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Funeral of Dr. A. J. Brock
Is Held Wednesday
Afternoon.

The unspoken friendship and sympathy of an entire community was expressed by the audience which assembled in the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral services for Dr. A. J. Brock, who passed away last Monday afternoon following a heart attack.

The floral offerings, which made the church platform a bower of beauty, the harmonious music played by the church organist, Elbert M. Smith, the presence of a large company of people in whose hearts were memories of friendship and comradeship, all afforded a fitting background for the earnest words of the pastor, Rev. Leland W. Mann, who in his remarks emphasized the thought that the Christian faith is a sure refuge in time of trouble and spoke words of comfort to sorrowing hearts. Members of the Elks lodge, of which Dr. Brock was a valued member, attended in a body.

Pallbearers were Paul Sloan, Homer Richardson, R. S. Kinsey, L. G. Chrysler, J. G. Shifflett, Dr. R. E. Brooker and L. V. Phelps. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.

A Friendly Man.

The passing of Dr. Brock, in the apparent fullness of his maturity and with life lying fair before him, has come very close to his countless friends. He was above all a friendly man. He was interested in people; he was interested in sports and a keen, but fair competitor; he was a fine dentist who kept abreast of the latest developments in his profession; he was interested and helpful in good things. It is hard for the many who were intimately associated with him in varied activities only a few days ago, to realize that those interests have been interrupted so suddenly. One day he was out and about, his usual cheery, genial self; the next day he was sick; almost the next day he was gone. He leaves only kindly memories among the many whom his life, in one way or another has touched, and he will not be soon forgotten by those who will carry on life's daily round without him. It is a rich legacy to be remembered as he will be remembered.

The Story of a Life.

Albert Brock was born at Bayard, Iowa, on July 31, 1881. In about the year 1890 the family moved to Iowa City for educational purposes, where he resided until his graduation from the Dental School of the State University in the year 1904. Immediately after graduation he opened a dental office in the town of Clarence in Cedar county, Iowa. On the 6th day of October of that year he was married to Edith Wolfe of Iowa City. He continued his practice at Clarence until the year 1909, when he and his brother, Herbert, moved to Grinnell, where they practiced together until Herbert moved to Des Moines in the year 1927. Since that time Albert has continued the practice alone in Grinnell.

All during Albert's life he has been an active participant in sports, having been a member of one of the first basketball teams at the University of Iowa, where he won his letter. During his later life, he has continued an active interest in all sorts of outdoor sports and activities, some of the happiest times of his life having been spent with his close friends on the golf course and on fishing trips. On the more serious side, he was active in church, school and hospital activities up to the time of his death.

He was a member of the Masonic, Elks and Kiwanis organizations.

An Enthusiastic Student.

All during Dr. Brock's professional life he was an enthusiastic student and never missed an opportunity to study or to attend schools and conventions where the most up-to-date methods of his profession were brought to the front. At times his friends, who were many, felt his enthusiasm was greater than his strength to carry on these studies and to make these trips which seemed necessary to him.

The family surviving are Edith, his wife, Beatrice and Dr. Atwood, children, and he leaves an enormous circle of friends.