

OBITUARY

EGBERT HAROLD DUNHAM

Egbert Harold Dunham was born at Neponset, Ill., Oct. 28, 1867, and died at his home near Grinnell on March 14, 1957 after a long illness. He was the son of Cornelius Lansing Dunham and Mary Buswell Dunham. He was the last surviving member of a very devoted family of four brothers and three sisters.

When he was nine years old the family came from Illinois to a farm in Chester township which was the family home until 1916. Except for four years spent in Florida from the age of 14 to 18, his life was spent in the Grinnell vicinity. He attended country schools and, for a short time, the Grinnell Academy. The family was of a scholarly mind. His father, a graduate of Knox college, taught schools in Illinois, in St. Louis, and in Florida, and his mother had taught in a school for the blind. He was a great reader, especially enjoying literature on scientific subjects.

In May, 1887, when he was nineteen years old, he joined the First Congregational church of Grinnell, and has been a member since then.

He was interested in schools

and for about thirty years was school director of Grant Township School District No. 2, and for that time served on the Grant Township school board. He loved gardening and spent many serene and happy hours caring for fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

Through much of his life he was cut off from easy communication by extreme deafness. To a large extent he lived alone, but he set a high value on old ties of family and friendship. He believed in independence of

thought and conscience.

On June 7, 1907, he was married to Miss Harriett Grinnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Grinnell. He had three children: Harold Grinnell Dunham, John Russell Dunham, and Marian Elizabeth Dunham. John Russell, to his great sorrow, died at Fort Douglas, Utah, on March 14, 1944, while in service. He is survived by his widow, Harriett G. Dunham, his daughter Marian, and son Grinnell and his wife Marjorie, with their four children, Louisa, Janet, Arthur, and Dorothy.