

Mrs. LIZZIE EDSON

# DIED ON SUNDAY

Dec 30 1924

Life of Beloved Woman Ended Sunday in Loma Linda Sanitarium in California.

HAD BEEN IN FAILING HEALTH FOR A LONG TIME.

Body Will be Brought For Burial to Grinnell, Her Home For so Many Years.

A telegram received Monday brought the sad news of the passing of Mrs. Lizzie Scammon Edson, for so many years an honored and beloved resident of Grinnell, who died on Sunday in Loma Linda sanitarium near Claremont, Calif. The body will be brought to Grinnell for burial.

Mrs. Edson had been steadily failing in health and those near to her knew that her death was only a question of time but nevertheless there will be sorrow for a great many people in the closing of this noble life.

For many years, Mrs. Edson was identified with all that was best in Grinnell life. After the death of her husband, Professor H. K. Edson, she opened her home to young women of the college and the "Edson house girls" all look back to their stay under her roof as a period of inspiration and good influence. She was active in affairs of the Congregational church and for a long time was state treasurer for the Iowa W. H. M. U. She was a woman of cheery presence, of faith and Christian forbearance. To know her was a privilege and an inspiration to better things.

Mrs. Edson left Grinnell to make her home with her son Henry in Deer Lodge, Mon., and after Henry's death went on to Claremont, Calif., where she made her home with her old friends, Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Douglass. Of late months she has been forced to spend more and more time in the sanitarium where death finally came to her.

One brother, Frank Scammon, resides in Grinnell.

Funeral arrangements later.

# LAST SERVICES FOR MRS. EDSON

Beautiful Tributes Were Paid at Funeral Held Saturday Morn. ing.

Mrs. Henry EDSON

REV. E. W. CROSS SPOKE OF HER CHRISTIAN CHARACTER.

Miss Stella Bartlett Brought Tribute of a Friend—Beautiful Music Was Rendered.

Funeral services marked by sympathetic tributes to a beautiful life beautifully ended, and by the choicest music were held Saturday morning in the Congregational church in honor of Mrs. L. S. Edson who passed away the Sunday preceding in Loma Linda sanitarium in California. The many friends who fondly remembered Mrs. Edson from her many years of useful and gracious residence in Grinnell found in the service comfort and inspiration.

Rev. E. W. Cross paid a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Edson's Christian character and life and Miss Stella Bartlett one no less beautiful to Mrs. Edson as a friend.

Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer sang with sympathy and charm, "Hark, Hark My Soul" and a quartet composed of Mrs. Spencer, Miss Bartlett, Fred Morrison and D. E. Peck, rendered the good old hymn, "For all the Saints who from Their Labors Rest."

Professor H. W. Matlack at the organ played softly as the audience assembled the old songs of the faith which Mrs. Edson had loved and accompanied the vocal numbers.

Pall bearers were S. J. Pooley, Professor H. W. Norris, Professor P. F. Peck, G. H. Hamlin, H. L. Beyer, and Dr. P. E. Somers.

Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

Rev. E. W. Cross read the following review of Mrs. Edson's life:

Sarah Lizzie Scammon was born in Saco, Maine, November 25, 1852.

## Mrs. Edson Left Several Bequests

Several bequests are made by the will of Mrs. L. S. Edson, whose funeral was held Saturday.

The sum of \$3,000 is left to Grinnell College to be known as the Henry Scammon Edson fund, "the interest of which shall be used for scholarships for the benefit of worthy young men."

Another bequest leaves \$2,000 to the Community Hospital, "the interest to be used, according to the judgment of the trustees of said hospital, to provide care for those who would be unable to enter the hospital without such assistance."

Mrs. Edson also leaves smaller bequests as follows: \$300 to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; \$200 to the Congressional Home Missionary Society and \$200 to the American Missionary Association. The balance of the estate is left to her granddaughter, Elizabeth Edson.

## For Mrs. Edson

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and moved with her parents to Orchard, Iowa, in March, 1870. After the death of her mother, she and her father returned East in 1885. Her father died in Boston in 1886 and she came to Grinnell as Matron of the Ladies Hall of the college in September of the same year.

She was married to Professor Henry Kingman Edson in 1889. To them one child was born, Henry Scammon Edson. Between the mother and son there was always the most intimate and devoted relationship.

Professor Edson died in 1906 and after Henry had completed his college course, Mrs. Edson went to Urbana, Illinois, where she served as matron of the Congregational Guild House until failing eyesight compelled her to retire. Her son, who had in the meantime become a practicing physician, had married and settled in Deer Lodge, Mon. In July, 1920, Mrs. Edson moved to Deer Lodge and made her home with Henry and his wife until her son's death in January, 1922.

She then went to Claremont, Calif., to make her home with Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Douglass, who had been life long friends. After a long illness Mrs. Edson died at Loma Linda, Dec. 28, 1924.

Mrs. Edson united with the Congregational church in Grinnell in 1888 and continued in membership until about two years ago. All who knew her will remember her as a singularly noble and lovable Christian woman.

Her charm lay in a rare culture of mind and spirit, a loyalty of Christian purpose that nothing could move and a bravery in the face of successive misfortunes that can only be explained as the re-enforcement of God's grace.

She was active in all forms of church work, especially the local and state wide work of the Woman's Missionary Societies. Her work in the college was notable for its inspiring quality and scores of women who were college girls in the Edson House will remember her with honor, affection and gratitude.

For such saints who from their labors rest,

Who Christ by faith before the world confessed,

May Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluiah.

Mrs. Edson is survived by a sister, Mrs. Lucy Bryant of Portland, Maine, and by three brothers, Frank Scammon of Grinnell, Otis Scammon of Burlington, New Hampshire, and Will Scammon of Santa Ana, California, also by a granddaughter and namesake, Elizabeth Edson of Seattle, Washington.