

PROFESSOR W. S. HENDRICKSON IN A TRAGIC DEATH

Body Found in His Summer Home At Manistee, Mich.

Sad news reached Grinnell yesterday at about noon, telling of the tragic death of Professor W. S. Hendrickson, head of the department of chemistry, Grinnell College, whose body was found in his Portage cottage home at Manistee, Mich.

Mr. Hendrickson had gone to Manistee about two weeks ago, to put the cottage in readiness for his family, who were to arrive later. After a long wait, during which she heard no word from her husband, Mrs. Hendrickson became alarmed and sent a telegram to the officials at Manistee, which resulted in the search, which ended with the sad discovery of his death.

Death was the result of hemorrhage, according to the coroner, after a thorough examination. All possible theories of murder proved to be entirely without foundation, he said.

It is believed that the attack which resulted in his death was very sudden. He evidently was about to retire, for a kerosene lamp fell to the floor and lay near his body. Mr. Hendrickson's suit was found on the living room table. It had not been disturbed. He had a return ticket to Grinnell and his bag was packed, ready for his departure.

The body was discovered by Albert Sigman, Butler College medical student, who is working at Portage Inn for the summer.

The body will arrive in Grinnell at 5:15 this afternoon.

The great grief of the Hendrickson family will be shared in large measure by everyone in Grinnell who knew Mr. Hendrickson. He

was a good citizen, and took an active interest in the affairs of the community, its social and business life, and in all that pertained to its welfare. A man of kindly disposition, he was invariably popular, and during the many years that he has been associated with Grinnell, he has made a host of good friends.

Walter Scott Hendrickson was born in Ohio, in 1855, and was therefore, 56 years old at the time of his death. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the Union Christian College in 1881, and his Master of Arts and doctor degrees from Harvard University in 1889 and 1903. In 1885 he resigned as professor of chemistry and physics at Antioch College, Ohio, and accepted an assistant professorship at Harvard. Since 1890, he has been professor and head of the chemistry department at Grinnell College.

After a year's leave of absence for study in Germany at the universities of Göttingen and Berlin he returned to America and was married in 1906. He was professor of chemistry at Iowa university during the 1902 summer session, lecturer at the University of Illinois during 1917, and a research fellow at Johns Hopkins university in 1920.

He had done a large amount of research work and had written many treatises for scientific and chemical journals, for which he received wide recognition. He was former president of the Iowa Association of Colleges, and the Iowa Academy of Science, a member of Sigma Xi, American Chemical society, and fellow of A. A. S.

He was listed in Who's Who in America and his many treatises on various chemical formulae have appeared frequently in the chemical magazines. He was recognized as a leading authority in his work.

Funeral services will be held Friday evening at 6:30 in Herrick Chapel, conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum, who will be assisted by Professor H. W. Norris, Professor J. D. Stoops and Dean J. S. Nollen.

Tributes Of Love For Prof. Hendrickson

Hundreds of sorrowing friends from college and town gathered in Herrick Chapel at the twilight hour Friday evening and there paid loving tribute to Professor W. S. Hendrickson, whose tragic death in Manistee, Mich., brought to close a life of good deeds and of successful accomplishment. Friendships formed thirty-five years ago were represented in the solemn gathering, and friends added to the list throughout all the subsequent years of his association with Grinnell College and Grinnell were present, also, for the kindly humor and human understanding of the man recognized no age barriers in life and there were none in death.

A beautiful vocal solo by Mrs. E. D. T. Spencer a violin solo by Mrs. E. D. Strons, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. N. Smiley and Professor Blum at the organ, included favorite selections of Professor Hendrickson. Rev. E. M. Vittum, Professor J. D. Stoops, Professor H. W. Norris and Dean J. S. Nollen, each spoke briefly on the life of service and of love and there was consolation and comfort in the tributes paid by these men who over a long period of intimate association had learned to love and honor Professor Hendrickson.

Bearers were G. H. McMurray, W. C. Rayburn, Glenn Shifflett, Professor L. P. Sherman, Professor C. N. Smiley and Professor F. F. Almy. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery and the casket was committed to the earth just as the day faded into dusk.

Professor Hendrickson's death is felt keenly far beyond the confines of this community. To many a graduate and former student, he will be remembered as a kindly, friendly and encouraging influence, and to all who knew him he has left the memory of a brilliant character, a steadfast and true friend, in love with the work in which he played so important a part, and far more than all the rest, loving the world with the deep abiding love that has made of it a better world for his having lived in it.

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FUNERAL FROM CHAPEL THIS EVENING AT 6:30.

Rev. E. M. Vittum and Professors H. W. Norris and J. D. Stoops Will Speak.

Not in many years has the community of Grinnell been so deeply shocked as by the news of the death of Professor W. S. Hendrickson which came to Grinnell Wednesday in telegrams from Manistee, Mich. Professor Hendrickson's body was found in the cottage which he occupied at Portage point, a summer resort near Manistee. Death has been pronounced by the physician who examined the body as due to hemorrhage.

When Mr. Hendrickson went to Manistee he was not in the best of health, and the last letter from him to his wife was received Monday June 22. In this letter he spoke of not feeling well—which slightly alarmed her. She received no further word, and Tuesday, June 30, she sent a night letter to Manistee which reached there Wednesday morning. However the body had already been found and telegrams were sent to the Citizens National Bank and Dr. C. V. Lawton, telling of his death.

Dean J. S. Nollen, representing the college left for Chicago Wednesday evening and returned to Grinnell with the body.

Funeral services will be held this evening at 6:30 at the College Chapel. Rev. E. M. Vittum and Professors H. W. Norris and J. D. Stoops will speak. Interment will be in Hazelwood. The pall bearers will be J. G. Shifflett, Prof. F. F. Almy, Professor L. P. Sherman, G. H. McMurray, W. C. Rayburn and Professor C. N. Smiley.

Professor Hendrickson's life has been built into the life of Grinnell College, to which he has given devoted and brilliant service since coming here in 1890, thirty five years ago. He was a chemist of brilliant attainments, known far and wide in the field of his chosen activity and he has been a devoted and effective teacher who has developed many pupils who have made their mark.

During all these years Professor Hendrickson has been a devoted supporter and friend of the college. He has been steadfast through good years and bad and his loyalty and intelligent counsel have been of the greatest value.

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teaching year without signs of undue strain and when he left the week after Commencement for his summer home at Portage Point it was with the happiest anticipations of a healthful and rest-giving summer. There was no expectation but that he would return in the fall, strengthened and refreshed and ready to renew his allegiance to the college for another year.

To many generations of students Professor Hendrickson has stood as one of the permanent assets of Grinnell College. It is hard to realize that he will be absent from the place which he has filled with such distinguished success for so many years. To Mrs. Hendrickson and Ellen and posing go out not only the sympathy of all Grinnell but also that of all the far flung Grinnell College family who recognized Professor Hendrickson's worth and appreciated his devoted and useful service.

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