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DR. H. M. HOBART DEAD.

One of Chicago's Leading Physician's
Passes Away.
Inter-Ocean.

Dr. Henry Martin Hobart died of peritonitis at his residence, No. 1850 Wrightwood avenue, shortly before 12 o'clock, Sunday night. He was one of the most highly esteemed physicians in this city, and, altho' young in years, he ranked with the most skillful members of his profession as an earnest and successful practitioner.

His illness was of little more than two weeks' duration. It was just two weeks ago last Friday since he was first confined to his home and compelled to give up his daily round of labor. At his bedside when the end came was his father-in-law, Dr. J. M. Sturtevant, of Aurora; his mother, Mrs. Charles Hobart, of Grinnell, Iowa, and the immediate members of his family. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

Dr. Hobart was born in Arcade, Wyoming county, N. Y., August 11, 1851, and was therefore only 42 years of age at the time of his death. Altho born in the state of New York, his parents removed to Grinnell, Iowa, in 1865, and in that town nearly all the years of his youth were spent. There he obtained his early education and developed that bent for the study of medicine which afterward brought him into prominence before the world. His father, the late Charles Hobart, was a prominent merchant and public spirited citizen of Grinnell. In 1870 young Henry entered Iowa College. Four years later he graduated from that institution with high honors, receiving the degree of A. B.

In the meantime he had taken up the study of medicine, and began to attend lectures at Hahnemann college, in this city. He made rapid progress. In the spring of 1876 he was graduated from Hahnemann college with the highest honors, being chosen valedictorian of his class.

Entering upon the work of his chosen profession in this city, he was soon rewarded with extraordinary success. In all things pertaining to his professional duties he was studious, earnest and devoted. He built up a large and lucrative practice and made scores of friends. For the last ten years he was professor of materia medica and therapeutics in the Chicago Medical college. For thirteen years he was attending physician at the Chicago Nursery and Half Orphan asylum. He was a well known member of the state and national societies and also of the International Medical association.

Dr. Hobart had traveled extensively in the United States, and twice made pilgrimages to Europe. During these journeys aside from the ordinary tourist pleasures, he gave much attention to the study of European medical and hospital methods. It was this disposition which enabled him to keep in the front rank of medical and surgical practice.

Above all Dr. Hobart was recognized by those who knew him well as a sincere and conscientious man. He was a thorough christian gentleman. For a number of years he served as a trustee of his alma mater, Iowa College, and did all in his power to promote its growth and welfare. Soon after taking up his residence in Chicago he became a member of the Lincoln Park Congregational church. In 1879 he was elected a deacon of that body, and he served as a member of the board of trustees even before that date. He was also a trustee of the Chicago Theological Seminary and a warm friend and supporter of Professor Scott. For several years he served as chairman of the committee on membership of the Congregational club.

Dr. Hobart was twice married; first, on November 23, 1879, at Grinnell Iowa, to Miss Helen S. Whitecomb, who died July 2, 1888; second, to Miss Amy Sturtevant, on June 16, 1891, at Galesburg, who survives him. Dr. J. M. Sturtevant, his father-in-law, is now a resident of Aurora. Two sons born of the first marriage are buried at Grinnell. The eldest surviving daughter, Mary, is ten years old, and the youngest, Catherine a babe of one year.

Funeral services were held at the family residence, No. 1850, Wrightwood avenue, Tuesday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. David Beaton, pastor of the Lincoln Park church, officiating.

The remains were brought to this place for burial Wednesday. Attending the funeral cortege from Chicago were Mrs. Dr. Hobart and her father, Rev. Dr. Sturtevant, of Aurora, Ill.; Dr. Hobart's mother, Mrs. Charles Hobart; his sister, Mrs. Mary Crowl, and her husband, of Chicago; and Rev. Dr. Beaton, of Lincoln Park Congregational church, Chicago. The faculty and trustees of the college attended the services in a body and occupied seats among the mourners. The exercises at the Stone church were conducted by Pres. Gates, Mr. Beaton, Professors Parker and Buck. President Gates dwelt especially upon Dr. Hobart's relation to the college as graduate and trustee, emphasizing his cleanness of character and his loyalty to his alma mater. Dr. Beaton spoke of his worth to the church and community in which he lived, of his readiness to help in every enterprise and his always cheerful spirit.

The floral decorations were beautiful and numerous, the gifts of friends in Chicago and Grinnell. A quartet, consisting of Mrs. G. M. Christian, Miss Thursa Manatt and Messrs. Little and Harriman, sang several impressive hymns. The pall bearers were Prof. J. Macy, Hon. J. P. Lyman, Hon. S. H. Herrick, C. W. H. Beyer, D. S. Morrison and H. P. Proctor. A long procession of citizens followed the remains to their last resting place in Hazelwood cemetery.