

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1931.

Death Calls S. A. Martin

Graduate of Grinnell College in Class
of '81, Reaches Close of a
Helpful Life

ALSO GRADUATE OF CHICAGO
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Was One of Most Successful Workers
in Iowa Congregational Home
Missionary Work

Samuel A. Martin, who passed away Wednesday at his home in Grinnell, was born at Royal Grove near Detroit, Mich., July 22, 1850. When five years old he came with his parents to Iowa and they located in Jasper county in the vicinity of Bethel church. Here he grew up and from here he entered Grinnell college as a student in the early seventies. He was brought up to hard work, living on a farm and working for others until after he became thoroughly engrossed in his studies at college.

He graduated with the class of 1881 and was recognized as an industrious hard working student and a loyal friend of Iowa college. After his graduation he entered Chicago Theological seminary from which he graduated in 1884. He was ordained as a minister that fall and took up the pastorate of the church at Van Cleve. Soon after he located at Lamoille where he built a church house and there he served six years.

During all of his ministry, or nearly all of it, he was engaged in home missionary work and was one of the most faithful and successful missionaries in Congregational service in this state. From LaMoille he went to Galt in Wright county and while working there organized a church at Rowan where he built a church house and a parsonage and at this place all of his five children were born. He afterwards organized churches at Wall Lake and Alexander.

After twelve years at Rowan where his most successful work was done, he preached also at Wall Lake. Later he was called to Orchard, organized a church at Stillwater and another nearby point. After his service there he went to Doniphan, Neb., where he preached six years and later preached a short time at Eddyville and at Mitchellville, Iowa.

At the latter place the hard service in which he had been engaged was followed by a breakdown in health and in 1915 he moved to Grinnell and built the home here where he has lived.

During his service in the home missionary field he not only organized many churches but built seven churches and one parsonage and during his work in the missionary fields over six hundred names were added to the church rolls.

His wife, Miss Dobson, whom he married at Marshalltown and took to his new home in Rowan, was a faithful and earnest worker and helper and to her he always gave great credit for her magnificent service with him and helpfulness to him.

He leaves to mourn his loss besides his wife, four children, Everett Martin, now of Mitchellville; Mrs. H. A. Halverson of Wall Lake in Wright county, Howard Martin of Cedar Rapids and Grace Martin of Chicago.

Services were held last evening at the home at six-thirty o'clock, conducted by Rev. P. A. Johnson. His long and most useful service had been at Rowan and here among the friends he had served for twelve years his body was laid to rest today in the cemetery at that place.