MRS. EMMA MAIN PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Widow of President J. H. T. Main Goes To Join Her Husband.

When President J. H. T. Main passed away on April 1, 1931, just one day before his birthday, the light of life went out for his devoted wife, Mrs. Emma Main. Since that day she has lived in what is known as the Mayor Macy house on Eighth avenue, awaiting the day of her deliverance from a life which meant little to her with him away.

Release came to her Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock when her spirit took its flight from its bonds of suffering, to seek that of her distinguished husband in the hereafter. One cannot but believe that these two, so inseparable in life, will experience a joyous reunion.

The life of Mrs. Main was a life of loving service. It was centered in her home and in her husband. President Main, then Professor Main, was married June 18, 1881 to Miss Emma Myers of Jeffersonville, Ind., where she was born. They had met at Moore's Hill College where both graduated.

All or practically all of their married life was spent in Grinnell. At first the wife of a poor professor Mrs. Main grew with her husband, as he advanced to the rank of one of the foremost educators in the country. Always her effort was to give him a happy home; to look after his health; to keep him from overdoing and to provide the congenial surroundings that he loved. The two were united by bonds of indissoluble devotion. When President Main was away on one of his frequent trips, he always brought home gifts for Mrs. Main; a dress or a hat that he thought she would like, as a token that she was constantly in his thoughts.

They were quiet people. Their home was dear to them and they were sufficient one to the other. One could not think of him without her or of her without him.

When death ended this close relationship Mrs. Main was lost. Her health failed completely a few months ago. Her loving spirit has gone forth to seek its mate. No one can regret her passing who believes that it is really a reuniting of devoted souls.

Pending the arrival of relatives no funeral arrangements have been made.

Last Services For Mrs. Emma Main Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Main, widow of President J. H. T. Main, who passed away last Sunday, were held Wednesday afternoon from the home on Eighth Avenue where she had lived since the death of her husband, in charge of her pastor, Rev. Robert Ingers. Dr. E. A. Steiner brought a beautiful tribute based on many years of friendship. There was no music. The many old friends who attended were graciously met at the door by Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer: Pallbearers were Professors E. B. T. Spencer, L. P. Sherman, J. D. Troop and J. W. Charlton, and John Sallows and Richard Secor. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mrs. Main was born in Jeffersonville, Clark county, Indiana, June 18, 1854, the daughter of Peter and Rachel Myers but had spent all her life since her youth womanhood in Grinnell, where her position as the wife of the president of the college and her own many fine qualities of mind and heart brought to her a unique distinction.

Relatives from out of town who came to attend the services were Mrs. Main's niece, Mrs. Rachael Judge; of Topeka, Kans. and her nephew, Parin Myers and Mrs. Myers of Jeffersonville, Ind.

Interment was made today in Hazelwood cemetery.