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Luman A. Phelps.

Luman A. Phelps, one of Grinnell's best known and most successful men passed away in Chicago Sunday, January 18, 1914

The Evening Post of Tuesday says of him:

"Luman A. Phelps, vocal instructor who died Sunday evening after an illness of several months, will be buried tomorrow in Grinnell, Iowa. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the late residence, 7247 Euclid avenue, Bryn Mawr. Mr. Phelps had been ailing for several years, but continued his work until the close of the season last year. He was born in New Haven, Ct., in 1836 and came to Chicago in 1871. Wishing to pursue his musical studies more deeply he left for Europe a few years later. He spent one year in Germany in the study of voice and piano and five in Italy on the stage. He entered the operatic field and after scoring successes in Europe he came to America. He later forsook the stage, located in Chicago and started teaching. Some of his pupils are today occupying the highest places in the operatic field."

Mr. Phelps came to Grinnell as a boy in 1851 and in 1871 at the age of 35 he went to Chicago to take up musical studies. His remarkable proficiency and skill, followed by years of successful teaching experience, made him a reputation in musical circles among the foremost in Chicago. His visits to Grinnell, the few, were always hailed with pleasure by his enthusiastic circle of friends, who regarded him highly both as a man and a musician. The body was brought to Grinnell for burial. A funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. D. Works, conducted by Rev. P. E. Marston, followed by interment in Hazelwood.

Accompanying the body to Grinnell were L. C. Phelps, Landon H. Phelps and B. B. Phelps and wife, all of Chicago.