

16-29 OBITUARY. 6-11 1900

CHARLES LEONARD WALKER.

C. L. Walker died at his home Monday morning, after an illness of more than seven months, through which he had been a great sufferer.

Charles Leonard Walker was born in Grafton county, New Hampshire, January 2, 1835, where he spent his childhood and youth upon his father's farm, laying the foundation for his industrious and energetic life.

At the age of twenty-one he went to New York City, where he was employed as clerk for five years. He then went to Hartford, Conn., where he took up photography, which he followed until 1881. In 1863 he was in the Shenandoah valley, near Berryville, taking photographs of war scenes until driven out by the advance of Lee's army, then marching towards Gattysburg.

He was married in New York, Nov. 2, 1864, to Louisa Wilson, by whom he had two children—Cora, who died in 1884, and Kent S., who survives him.

In 1866 he went to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he remained in business until 1871 when he came to Grinnell, which has since been his home. His first wife died in 1881, and in 1883 he married Miss Nellie Tufts, who survives him, and by whom his daughter, Helen, was born.

A great reader, he was versed in history and current events, loved the works of nature and art, had felt the grandeur of the sea and mountain, the beauty of flowers and childhood, with the fervor of the artist and student. He was not a public speaker, his voice was often raised in support of truth, justice and right, frequently quoting passages from the Sermon on the Mount.

Since 1889 he had been identified with the Grinnell Savings bank as president, and later as cashier, until failing health compelled him to give up his duties November last.

Mr. Walker had been a great sufferer since he was obliged to abandon business, from a cancerous growth in the lower abdomen which gradually extended upward until the vitals were reached. All that the tenderest care, supplemented by medical skill and science, could do to alleviate his suffering, was done in vain. He had a wide circle of friends who have felt his influence. Mr. Walker was for a number of years a trustee of the Congregational society.

The funeral was conducted from the house Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. E. M. Vittum officiating. The choir was composed of Dr. P. E. Somers, Prof. R. G. Cole, Ed Brande and J. F. Atkinson. The pall bearers were H. C. Spencer, G. L. Sanders, Geo. H. Hamlin, D. S. Morrison, H. W. Spaulding and J. P. Lyman. Mr. Vittum told of the early history of the deceased and a brief outline of his history since coming to Grinnell. He gave a tribute to the business integrity which characterized the life of Mr. Walker in his business career, his liberality toward charitable and benevolent needs, and his virtue as father, neighbor, citizen and friend.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Nellie Walker and family desire to express gratitude for the many kind services rendered during the long term of sickness of their beloved husband and father, and especially to express thanks for the floral token presented by Co. K, and for the piece of flowers sent by the Savings Bank. The kind attentions shown Mr. Walker during his sickness and the many floral contributions were greatly appreciated by him and tended to relieve his sufferings and brighten his last days.

MRS. NELLIE WALKER,
MISS HELEN WALKER,
MR. AND MRS. KENT S. WALKER.