

## HELPFUL LIFE ENDED

D. B. Way Passes Away Saturday  
Morning at His Home in  
This City.

CAME OF THE GOOD.  
OLD PURITAN STOCK

Had Lived Many Years in Grinnell  
And Was a Respected Citizen.

David Bernard Way was born in Harmony, Chautauqua County, N. Y., April 19, 1844. He was the youngest of a family of nine children, the son of Alvin and Louisa Slayton Way. He came of good old New England stock.

On his father's side, Henri Way, the Puritan, emigrated from England in 1630 on the Mary and John, as did two of Mrs. Way's ancestors, John Case and Humphrey Pinney. Henri Way settled in Dorchester, Mass., and was one of the founders of Boston. His son, Ensign George Way, was a follower of Roger Williams in Rhode Island, later settling in Saybrook, Conn. On the mother's side, the Slayton, immigrant ancestor settled near Boston about 1700. Mr. Way's great-grandfather, Capt. Umben Slayton, with two brothers, as well as his grandfather, Timothy Way, answered the alarm sent out April 19, 1776, when he was eight years old. The family moved to Penn. and in 1859 to Iowa, locating at Indian Town near Montfort. August 13, 1862, he enlisted in the Union Army, Co. F 28th Iowa Infantry, a strong, robust boy. While in the army he contracted a severe case of measles. Before he had fully recovered, he was sent out on guard duty on a cold rainy night, took cold and had a relapse. He was discharged at Vicksburg in June 1863, having lost 75 pounds in weight. He never fully recovered from this sickness. He married Marilda, nee William and Harriet Humphrey Duntou in Montfort,

Iowa. In 1871 they moved to Albion, Iowa, and from there to, Syracuse Neb., in 1878, where he owned a Book, Stationery and Music Store. In 1883 the family lived in Coldwater, Mich. They returned to Syracuse and in 1890 went to Anita, Iowa, where he and his son-in-law were in the General Mercantile business under the firm name of Way and Umbenhauer. Mr. Way was a leader in musical circles, even as a young man singing and playing the violin, organ and piano. He has given vocal and instrumental lessons for more than forty years, as well as composing some music, mostly hymns. He has led choirs in all the towns in which he lived, was the leader of Way's Orchestra in Syracuse and Anita. The family moved to Grinnell to educate the children, all of whom graduated from Grinnell College, and they have since made their home here. Mr. Way played the first violin in the Grinnell College Orchestra. Tho always in poor health he has ever been an active, public spirited citizen and devoted Christian and member of the Congregational Church, doing much personal work with the young men. During the last months his greatest joy was to have the Bible and Moody's Sermons read aloud, and was able to quote passage after passage. The last meal he was able to sit at the table he asked the blessing, altho, unable to eat.

Some ten years ago he had a stroke. In 1914 he lost his sight, which he gradually recovered with the aid of an instrument he had had for a year and a half ago Mrs. Way passed away very suddenly and he has felt lonely since then. About two weeks ago he grew so much worse that Mr. Umbenhauer was sent for. He suffered another stroke, was confined to his bed and was entirely helpless. For several days he had been in a state of coma. Saturday morning, April 10, at a quarter of two, he passed on to his reward, quietly and peacefully. Had he lived until April 19, he would have been 76. He leaves to mourn his death three children, Walter R., an architect in Boston, who is unable to be present; Harold D., also an architect in New York City; and one daughter, Mrs. Luelia Umbenhauer and her husband, D. S. who has been as a son; and four

grandchildren, Arnold, David and Miriam Way, and Lucile Umbenhauer.

Funeral services were held from the home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross. The college male quartet sang very sweetly "My Jesus As Thou Wilt" and "Asleep in Jesus," and Mr. Cross spoke words of hope and comfort. The pallbearers were L. W. Taylor, P. D. Burton, William Bortell, C. F. Ricker, T. J. Noll and H. C. Morse.

Harold Way, one of the sons from New York, was present. There were no other out-of-town relatives as both Mr. Way and Mrs. Way were the last of their respective families.