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PROFESSOR W. S. HENDRIXSON DEAD

Passed Away at his Summer Cabin at
Portage Point, Near Manistee,
Mich.

FUNERAL FROM CHAPEL
THIS EVENING AT 6:30.

Rev. E. M. Vittum and Professors M.
W. Norris and J. D. Stoops Will
Speak.

Not in many years has the community of Grinnell been so deeply shocked as by the news of the death of Professor W. S. Hendrixson which came to Grinnell Wednesday in telegrams from Manistee, Mich. Professor Hendrixson's body was found in the cottage which he occupied at Portage Point, a summer resort near Manistee. Death has been pronounced by the physician who examined the body as due to hemorrhage.

When Mr. Hendrixson went to Manistee he was not in the best of health, and the last letter from him to his wife was received Monday June 22. In this letter he spoke of not feeling well—which slightly alarmed her. She received no further word, and Tuesday, June 30, she sent a night letter to Manistee which reached there Wednesday morning. However the body had already been found and telegrams were sent to the Citizens National Bank and Dr. C. V. Lawton, telling of his death.

Dean J. S. Nollen, representing the college left for Chicago Wednesday evening and returned to Grinnell with the body.

Funeral services will be held this evening at 6:30 at the College Chapel. Rev. E. M. Vittum and Professors H. W. Norris and J. D. Stoops will speak. Interment will be in Hazelwood. The pall bearers will be J. G. Shifflett, Prof. F. F. Almy, Professor L. P. Sherman, G. H. McMurray, W. C. Rayburn and Professor C. N. Smiley.

Professor Hendrixson's life has been built into the life of Grinnell College, to which he has given devoted and brilliant service since coming here in 1890, thirty five years ago. He was a chemist of brilliant attainments, known far and wide in the field of his chosen activity and he has been a devoted and effective teacher who has developed many pupils who have made their mark.

During all these years Professor Hendrixson has been a devoted supporter and friend of the college. He has been steadfast through good years and bad and his loyalty and intelligent counsel have been of the greatest value.

He had passed through the last
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teaching year without signs of undue strain and when he left the week after Commencement for his summer home at Portage Point it was with the happiest anticipations of a healthful and rest-giving summer. There was no expectation but that he would return in the fall, strengthened and refreshed and ready to renew his allegiance to the college for another year.

To many generations of students Professor Hendrixson has stood as one of the permanent assets of Grinnell College. It is hard to realize that he will be absent from the place which he has filled with such distinguished success for so many years. To Mrs. Hendrixson and Ellen and Philip go out not only the sympathy of all Grinnell but also that of all the far flung Grinnell College family who recognized Professor Hendrixson's worth and appreciated his devoted and useful service.

Prof. Walter Scott Hendrixson was born in Ohio in 1859. He received his bachelor's degree from Union Christian college in 1881, and received his master of arts and doctor degrees from Harvard university in 1889 and 1903.

He resigned as professor of chemistry and physics at Antioch college, Ohio, to accept an assistant professorship at Harvard. Since 1890 he has been professor and head of the chemistry department at Grinnell college.

After a year's leave of absence for study in Germany at the universities of Göttingen and Berlin, he returned to America and was married in 1906. He was professor of chemistry at Iowa university during the 1902 summer session, lecturer at the University of Illinois during 1917, and a research fellow at Johns Hopkins university in 1920.

He had done a large amount of research work and had written many treatises for scientific and chemical journals, for which he received wide recognition. He was former president of the Iowa Association of Colleges, and the Iowa Academy of Science, a member of Sigma Xi, American Chemical society, and a fellow of A. A. A. S. He was also a member of the Grinnell Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi.

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