

A VERY SAD DEATH.

11-5-1901
Mrs. Fannie L. Alvord, Wife of Dr. A. W.
Alvord, Succumbs to a Paralytic
Stroke Suffered Two Months
Ago.

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The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Fannie L. Alvord, wife of Dr. A. W. Alvord, 55 Fremont St., have been deeply grieved to learn of her death; which occurred last evening at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Alvord suffered a very serious stroke of paralysis, August 27th, and, from that time, gradually failed in health, death resulting. Surviving her in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Miss Louise, and a son, Max, aged 11 years.

Mrs. Alvord was born Sept 10, 1853, at Kewanee, Ill., and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Little, prominent and respected residents of that city. Her early education was acquired at Kewanee, and in 1867, the family moved to Grinnell, Iowa. Mrs. Alvord graduated with honor from the high school of that city, and later, was graduated from Iowa College at Grinnell. She was possessed of an exceptionally fine contralto voice, and was a favorite in musical and social circles. In the year 1878, and in the month of January, she was united in marriage to Dr. Austin W. Alvord, the ceremony taking place at her home. In 1882, Dr. and Mrs. Alvord moved to this city and have resided here continuously since. Her attainments in both literary and musical lines made her recognized as one of Battle Creek's most able women. For years she sang and presided as organist in the First Presbyterian church. She was a valued member of that church, and was ever willing to lend her aid where needed. One of the characteristics of her life was the love of music, and her voice was often heard by those who were suffering, and needed song to cheer them.

Mrs. Alvord was one of the number comprising the original Nichols hospital board, and for years was secretary of the same, discharging her duties with acceptability to all. Mrs. Alvord was a member of the Amateur Musical Club of the city, and was one of its foremost vocalist. Her interests in literary work were also identified with the Woman's Club of this city. In the loss of Mrs. Alvord Battle Creek is deprived of a woman of character, of great worth, of marked ability. The sorrowing family has the sincere sympathy of the entire city.

The funeral services will be held at the family residence tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, to which friends are invited. Rev. William S. Potter, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate. The interment which will be private, will be at Oakhill.