

GRACE L. BREWER.

The visit of Professor W. F. Brewer of Bozeman to Grinnell this week to bury on the family lot the ashes of his sister, Grace L. Brewer, recalls to many of us old timers a family of scholars who lived for many years in Grinnell.

Prof. Fisk P. Brewer came to Grinnell about 1877 from South Carolina to take charge of the Department of Greek. He was a thorough scholar and a fine teacher. However, he suffered constantly from poor health and it was a most noteworthy fact that in his determination to give to his classes the best which an educated and scholarly teacher could give, his efforts were an up-hill fight against the constant invasion upon his health of an almost incurable disease.

The family lived here for many years and the second generation graduated from Grinnell college with high distinction. Two of them, Will F. Brewer and Helen Brewer are now connected with the State Agricultural College at Bozeman, Mont. One sister, Mary, distinguished herself in Armenia during the troublous times three years ago by wrapping one of her students with an American flag and leading him through a band of Turkish bandits to safety. The Turks had respect enough for the flag not to fire upon it even though it was carried by a woman.

Grace Brewer whose ashes were buried here Tuesday graduated from college in 1887. She taught for three years in the Hawaiian Islands and after returning to this country she taught in Nebraska for a time and later in Moline until her health failed her in 1906. Since that time she had a hard struggle to overcome the disease which attacked her, tuberculosis, and she has lived part of her time in Colorado, part of the time in Montana and part of the time in Washington and at all times not far from her brother and sister. While on a visit to San Bernardino last winter she passed away February 29. Miss Brewer was a woman of rare scholarship and of rare intellectual cast of mind. In fact, the Brewer intellect was a marked characteristic. They were always welcome in any gathering where culture and education had a place.

The Brewer name in Grinnell is one which ought long to be remembered and the memory of this family should remain long in the minds of all Grinnell people who hold Christian integrity, true worth and real scholarship in esteem.

One brother, Dr. Albert Brewer is located at Terry, Mont.

Prof. Brewer and his wife, whose maiden name was Booth and is also a graduate of Grinnell, drove through from Bozeman in their car to the old home of Mrs. Brewer at Anamosa. They will visit in Chicago before returning to Montezuma.