Rev. J. Brownlee Succumbs Today; Services Pending

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H-R Dec 8,1955
Rev. James Andrew Brownlee.
78, Grinnell, died at his home
Monday morning following an illness of one year.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete but friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

One of 15 children, he was born Jan. 12th, 1880 in Hart County, Ky., the son of David and Mary Elizabeth Brownlee. He was united in marriage on May 27th, 1908, at Wilmore, Ky., to Sarah Elizabeth Holt by Rev. L. L. Pickett.

To this union were born four children: Mrs. Winston King of Rangoon, Burma, Roland of New York City, and two boys, James Thoburn and James Andrew who died in infancy while the family was living in LaPaz, Bolivia.

Rev. Brownlee graduated from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. in 1908 and was a minister in the Methodist church for over 50 years. He taught at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana for a year and then served with the missions in Bolivia, Costa Rica, Panama and West Indies for 10 years. While in Bolivia he was the superintendent and treasurer of the LaPaz mission.

Rev. Brownlee also held pastorates in Vermont, New York Nebraska and Iowa. He will Blockton, Iowa about 30 ago and recently held the pastorate at the Sheridan Method dist church for 2½ years until his recent illness.

He had made his home in Grinnell for the last five years, having moved here from New York State. He belonged to the Masonic lodge in Whitehall. N. Y.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, two children, Mrs. Winston King and Roland Brownlee, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, three sisters, one brother, and several nephews and nieces.