

# CLASS GRADUATE OF 1874 PASSES AWAY

The death of A. C. Hart, who passed away at his home in Kennewick, Washington, May 27th, removes from life one of the earlier graduates of Grinnell College. Mr. Hart was a member of the class of 1874 and one of the founders of the Grinnell Institute. Following his graduation he was Superintendent of the Grinnell schools for five years, going from Grinnell in 1879 to Mason City to accept the Superintendency of the schools there. He was recalled to the Superintendency of the Grinnell schools in 1885, serving for two years, after which time he was Superintendent of schools at Knoxville, Iowa, and later became Principal of Franklin Academy at Franklin, Nebraska.

Mr. Hart was a man of strong character, of highly intellectual tastes and a broad-minded generous Christian gentleman. While at Franklin Academy, especially, he made a very strong impression upon his pupils. He maintained to a high degree his devotion to his Alma Mater, and sent from Franklin Academy at least twenty-five students to Grinnell. We are told by one of his graduates that at least fifteen Franklin students were at one time in the college and there has never been any doubt of the respect and esteem of the Academy students for their honored principal.

His second wife was Miss Clara Emerson of the class of 1882 whom he married in 1887. In 1910 he and his wife relinquished their work in Franklin Academy and went to Kennewick, Washington, where his brother, Rev. H. M. Bartlett had been a pioneer.

In the death of Mr. Hart many Grinnell people lose a warm and respected friend. He was born early enough so that he served in the army and wore a button.

The following is clipped from the Courier-Reporter of Kennewick, Washington:

Alexis Crane Hart passed away Friday evening at his home on the Highlands.

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He suffered a stroke of paralysis the day before and had been in poor health for more than a year. He was born at Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin, Feb. 4, 1846, being at the time of his death, over eighty years old, altho he was so interested in everything and so alert mentally, few realized his years. With him at his death were his wife and daughter Elizabeth. A son, Irving H., residing in Cedar Falls, Iowa, started as soon as informed of his father's condition but did not reach here until after his father had gone. He also leaves four grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Congregational church, of which he had been an active member, in charge of the pastor, Rev. N. F. Cole, Tuesday. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. L. Ely and Rev. L. J. Aldrich spoke of Mr. Hart's work in the educational field and M. M. Moulton of him as the citizen. Music was furnished by the choir consisting of Mrs. F. F. Wooden, Mrs. C. F. Winkenwerder, Frank Green and M. G. Clark. Rev. D. D. MacLaurin pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Hart was a civil war veteran, serving with the 46th Wisconsin, and veterans of the different wars acted as body guards. The beautiful flag of the Kennewick Cosgrove Post was held at half mast as the flag draped casket was carried out by close friends, the pall bearers being: Dale Smith, J. B. Slaugenhaupt, R. H. Holcombe, Nelson Williams, J. H. Siegfried, L. E. Johnson. The body was taken by the son to Franklin, Nebraska, for burial, where Mr. and Mrs. Hart lived for many years while he was principal of the Franklin Academy. He was a graduate of Grinnell college, in the class of 1874, one of his classmates being Mrs. Hart's brother, Rev. H. M. Bartlett, now deceased, who was a Kennewick pioneer. He took up teaching as a profession serving as superintendent of the public schools at Grinnell and other towns in Iowa in the early days of the middle west, later going to Nebraska. Forty years, the best years from young manhood on, he gave to this work and in all the states, yes and in foreign lands, too, men and women will mourn the passing of a beloved teacher and with moistened eyes live again in memory the days of long ago when his understanding heart and encouraging words helped to solve their problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart came to Kennewick in 1910, locating on the High-

## I. H. Hart Is 1933. A Grinnell Boy

(By W. G. Ray)

I. H. Hart of Cedar Falls has been attending commencement and gave an interesting address at vespers Sunday evening. Mr. Hart was born in Grinnell. His father, A. C. Hart, graduated from college here in 1874 and until 1879 he was in charge of the Grinnell schools. In '79 he was elected to take charge of the schools in Mason City and in 1884 he was recalled to the superintendency of the Grinnell schools. In 1887 he was elected superintendent of the schools at Knoxville and afterwards to the principalship of the academy at Franklin, Nebraska, and ended his school work in charge of the academy at Chadron, Nebr. After that time he and his wife moved to Kennewick, Washington. Mr. Hart died in 1929 and his wife, Mr. Irving Hart's stepmother, is now living in Los Angeles. I have gone into detail because there are many people still living here who went to school to A. C. Hart and therefore they are more than interested in his son, I. H. Hart, who graduated from Grinnell in 1898.