

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1925.

DR. GERSHOM HILL FUNERAL TODAY

Services Were Held This Afternoon
From the Congregational
Church.

PRES. MAIN AND REV.
E. M. VITUM SPEAKERS

Dr. Hill Was 79 Years Old—Was Trustee and Devoted Friend of College.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Congregational church for Dr. Gershom H. Hill, pioneer alumnus, trustee and staunch friend of Grinnell College, who passed away Monday night at the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, aged 79 years. The body was brought to Grinnell from Des Moines on the 1:16 p. m. train, and the funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock. Appreciations of Dr. Hill were given by President J. H. T. Main and by Rev. E. M. Vitum and music was furnished by a male quartet from the college. The pallbearers were Dr. E. S. Evans, S. J. Pooley, Dean J. S. Nollen, Gerard S. Nollen, A. C. Lyon and Professor H. W. Norris.

Interment was made in Hazelwood cemetery in the family lot where is buried Dr. Hill's father, Rev. J. H. Hill, who will always be remembered in Grinnell history as the man who gave the first dollar to the college. Dr. Hill's brother, Rev. James L. Hill, of Salem, Mass., came to attend the funeral.

Dr. Hill's death was due to pneumonia and other complications. A fall last month and an apoplectic stroke last summer, weakened his resistance to the fatal disease.

He survived his widow and a daughter, Dr. Julia Hill, a member of the medical staff of The Retreat, the institution for the treatment of cases of mental disease which Dr. Hill founded but sold a year ago. Dr. Julia Hill is also a Grinnell graduate and for some time was located here in charge of the laboratory in the Community Hospital.

Dr. Hill achieved national distinction as a psychiatrist and had a great career in public and private service. He was born at Garnaville, Ia., and attended Iowa college, now Grinnell, where in 1871 he received his degree. He won his medical degree at Rush Medical school, Chicago, and married Louisa B. Ford of Lynn, Mass., in 1879. In 1881 he was awarded an honorary master of arts degree by Grinnell.

From 1874 to 1881 he engaged in private practice, then was superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Independence for two years. From 1890 to 1906 he lectured on insanity at the State University of Iowa and was professor of mental diseases at Drake university medical school from 1903 to 1913.

In 1905, he founded the Hill Retreat at 28th and Woodland avenue, which he directed until last year, when he sold it to the co-founder, Dr. John Doolittle, and Dr. Russell Doolittle.

He was on the staffs of the Iowa Methodist, Congregational and Mercy hospitals in Des Moines. His professional affiliations included the Iowa State Medical society, American Medical association, American psychiatric association, American Academy of Medicine and the Polk County Medical association.

He was once president of the Iowa Anti-Saloon league; served on the executive committee of the Associated Charities, and belonged to the English Speaking Union, Iowa branch, and Phi Beta Kappa. His clubs were the Grant, Prairie and the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Hill served a term as commander of Crocker post of the G. A. R. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and senior deacon of the Plymouth Congregational church.