

1934

# FUNERAL OF BELOVED LADY HELD SUNDAY

## Final Rites For Mrs. Montgomery From Cong'l Church.

The Congregational church was filled Sunday afternoon with people not only from Grinnell but from other points in Iowa, who came to pay their tribute to the life of their beloved associate Mrs. Royal J. Montgomery. For a half-hour before the service the body lay in state at the back of church, surrounded with beautiful flowers, and with a guard



of honor consisting of several of Mrs. Montgomery's co-workers in the church and school.

After several appropriate selections, favorites of Mrs. Montgomery's, had been played on the piano by Mrs. G. L. Pierce, Rev. Frank Meacham, of Newton, read several selections from the scriptures. This was followed by the reading of several favorite poems of Mrs. Montgomery's by President John S. Nollen, including Bliss Carman's "Vestigia," "Be Strong," by Dr. Malthie Rabcock, John Oxenham's "Credo," Bryant's "Lines to a Water-fowl," Countee Cullen's "I have a Rendezvous with Death," and selections from Bryant's "Thanatopsis" and Whittier's "Eternal Goodness."

Prayer was offered by Dr. Henry W. Tuttle of Grinnell, and then Dr. P. A. Johnston, superintendent of the Congregational Christian conference of Iowa delivered a sympathetic and fitting appreciation of the life and work of Mrs. Montgomery. "She lived victoriously; she loved unselfishly; she worked devotedly; she passed triumphantly. It is not difficult to pay tribute to the life of this good woman, but it is difficult to pay adequate tribute. She was an outstanding personality in any group.

"Her insight was so penetrating as to win for her instant recognition. She was probably the best informed woman in this community on matters of general and worldwide information.

"Her major interest was in the realm of Christian training of children and young people. Here the impact of her strong personality made itself felt. This church owes to her a larger debt of gratitude than it will ever be able to repay.

"When her husband, Dr. Royal J. Montgomery, was in France during

GRINNELL REGISTER, GRINNELL

# MONTGOMERY

(Continued From Page One)

the world war, she made herself a mother of the sick boys at Ames during the flu epidemic, having no children of her own, she poured out a double portion of mother love on other people's children. All over the state young people carry an impression of her powerful personality.

"Far beyond the average of us she was motivated by the passion to serve. We silently thank God for the gift of so noble a spirit, so courageous through life, so heroic in facing the inevitable when no human skill could help, so strong in the undying power of her Christian faith."

The service closed with a benediction by Dr. Johnson, and a portion of Chopin's Funeral March, played on the piano by Mrs. G. L. Pierce. Pall bearers were: Dr. John Parish, Prof. E. B. T. Spencer, Prof. H. W. Matlack, Wilford Smiley, Richard Pooley and Leland Bach. The funeral cortege drove to Des Moines, there to take a train for Topeka, Kansas, where the body of Mrs. Montgomery will be laid to rest.

Anna Bertha Kemp the daughter of William and Mary Kemp was born at Topeka, Kans. She graduated from the Topeka high school; studied at the Kansas State Normal, Emporia, Kansas, Kansas State University, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago School of Civic Philanthropy and Grinnell College from which she received her A. B. degree.

She married Royal J. Montgomery August 21, 1901, entering sympathetically into his plans for service in the ministry. She gave whole hearted cooperation in the three pastorates at Maywood, Illinois, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and Red Oak, Iowa, and to his service as Director

Royal J. M.