

--The sad information came to Grinnell by telegram Saturday evening of the sudden and shocking death at Newman's Grove of Gurdon D. Peirce. His brother Will at once went to Newman's Grove, and returned with the body this morning. Gurdon was at Grinnell the early part of the summer and then went to Newark, Neb., to spend the summer with his brother Byron. A couple of weeks ago he went to Omaha to play at the exposition as a member of the Nebraska State band. He had just returned to Newman's Grove to begin his school work.

He was at his boarding place Saturday in his room. About four o'clock a noise was heard in his room but it was supposed to be the falling of a window. A few minutes later a friend called to see Gurdon. A messenger to his room found him dead. He was on the floor, and evidently was engaged in cleaning his rifle. The barrel had been polished and everything indicated that he had leaned over to pick up some of his tools, bringing the barrel against his body and touching the hair trigger, causing the discharge. It was evidently a case of an unused rifle with a charge left in it, of which Mr. Peirce was ignorant.

Gurdon D. Peirce was born in Grinnell twp. Sept. 27, 1870, and died Sept. 3, 1893, having nearly reached his 23 birthday. He was a careful student and graduated from Iowa College in 1891. Last year he accepted a position as teacher in the school at Newman's Grove where he was universally respected. He was a member of the Congregational Church of this place. Strong in body, of clear and active mind, pure in habits, genial and popular with all, Gurdon was a perfect type of true manhood. His death is regretted by a large circle of friends, whose sympathy goes out to the sorrowing family. The funeral occurs at the Baptist church this afternoon.

--The funeral of Gurdon D. Peirce was largely attended as he had a large circle of friends in the city and college. The services were conducted by Prof. L. P. Parker, assisted by Rev. E. M. Vitum. The music was furnished by a male quartet consisting of R. G. Cole, E. B. Brande, O. F. Parish and A. G. Graves. The fire company attended in a body and furnished the funeral escort. The decorations were beautiful. Among them were a maltese cross by the B. Y. P. U., and a floral design, the gift of the fire company, a hook and ladder and a fireman's cap. The bearers were A. C. Rinefort, A. I. Hunt, J. H. Hathaway, P. E. Somers, E. W. Fellows and J. B. Grinnell. Mr. Peirce was for a number of years a member of the Baptist choir and a regular attendant at the B. Y. P. U. Few young men have enjoyed in a greater degree the respect and confidence of those who knew him than Mr. Peirce and his death is a matter of universal regret. 9-9-1893