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Rev. W. H. Romig.

Grinnell lost a splendid citizen when Rev. W. H. Romig passed away at his home on Chatterton street early Wednesday morning. He returned from a business trip on Thursday of last week feeling ill, but his condition was not considered alarming until pneumonia set in, after which the end came quickly.

Mr. Romig was born at Tuscarawas, O., in the year 1854. After finishing his school education, he took a full course at the Moravian college and seminary located at Bethlehem, Pa. He began his active ministry at Victor, Ia., in 1878, serving at the same time the Congregational church at Hartwick. He also preached in the Moravian church in Warren township. Up to a year ago, when he moved with his family to Grinnell, he continued in the active pastorate, without missing a Sunday on account of ill health. He served churches in Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania, and in 1909 was sent to Germany as an American delegate to the international conference of Moravian churches. He was at one time appointed one of a committee of three to revise the laws of his church.

In 1881 he was married to Miss Cecelia Bigler of Victor, and they have reared a large and exceptionally capable and worthy family. Mrs. Romig and nine children are living. The children are: Mrs. Grace Thrapp, Chicago; Alice and Beatrice, teachers in eastern Pennsylvania; Albert, instructor in Madison university; Gertrude, student at Art academy in Chicago; Harold, student at Ames; Edith, student in Grinnell School of Music; Paul and Ruth, students in Grinnell high school.

He is also survived by five brothers, one sister, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Romig was a preacher of fine abilities, a leader in the Moravian church of recognized wisdom and force, a man of sterling character, a friend who was honored wherever he was known, an ideal husband and father in his home.

The funeral will be held at the Congregational church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, being preceded by brief services at the house. Rev. E. W. Cross will conduct the services. Interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Moravian Church