

Wm. J. Rusk Passed Away Wednesday ^{H-R.} _{Sept 11 1952}

Professor Emeritus of
Mathematics on Grinnell
College faculty since '42

William J. Rusk, veteran member of the Grinnell college faculty and professor emeritus of Mathematics since his retirement in 1942, passed away at 3:10 a.m. Wednesday in a local hospital, where he had been taken Monday following a heart attack.

Death was due to a recurrence of the same trouble. He would have passed his 83rd birthday on Sept. 30.

To Grinnell in 1902

Born and educated in Canada, Professor Rusk came to Grinnell as associate professor of mathematics in 1902. He became full professor in 1905 and continued in that capacity for 37 years, during which he revolutionized the department and established the high standards of scholarship which are characteristic of Grinnell.

Born In Canada

Professor Rusk was born in Monkton, Canada, Sept. 30, 1869, the son of George and Christina Cameron Rusk. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ontario university and his Masters degree from the same school in 1898. From 1900 to 1902 he did graduate work at the university of Chicago.

Before coming to Grinnell he taught in Ontario university from 1895 to 1898 and from 1898 to 1900 he taught at Bishops college, Lennoxville, Quebec.

On June 30, 1908 he was united in marriage in Whittier, Calif., with Minora Trueblood, who had been office assistant for President George A. Gates. Mrs. Rusk survives him.

Years of Retirement

During the past years of retirement Professor and Mrs. Rusk have lived quietly in the pleasant home which they built at 1415 Park street, which has long been a welcome haven for their many friends.

Professor Rusk was an ardent devotee of the great Scotch game of golf and as long as his health permitted was found regularly on the links. He enjoyed working with his hands and turned out many beautifully finished articles of furniture in his completely equipped wood working shop in the basement of his home.

He also gave free rein to a rich vein of poetry and was the author of many poems in whose composition he took great satisfaction.

He leaves his mark on this community, his home for so many years, as a cultured gentleman, a thorough scholar, an inspiring teacher and a loyal and understanding friend.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. Leland W. Mann and Rev. Royal J. Montgomery will be held at the James Funeral home at 2:30 p.m. Friday with interment in Hazelwood cemetery.