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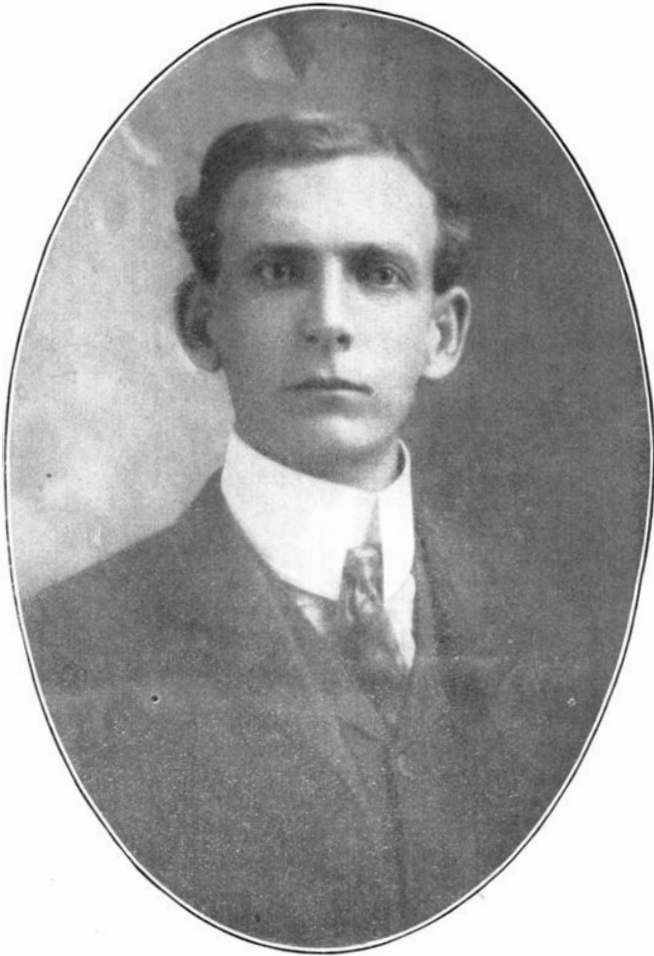
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W. N. Craven.

NECROLOGY.

MR. W. N. CRAVEN.

Mr. W. N. Craven, an Associate Member of the Iowa Academy of Sciences, was born near Indianola, Iowa, December 24, 1868. He was graduated from Simpson College in 1901. After three years of teaching in Iowa he was obliged by failing health to remove to Canon City, Colorado, where he resided till the time of his death, April 26, 1909.

In 1903 Mr. Craven presented the accompanying thesis in connection with work at Simpson College. It was his intention at the time to present the paper at a university later as an evidence of previous work when seeking admission to a graduate school, but his failing health soon necessitated a change in plans. His paper is now presented to the Academy partly in recognition of the quality of his work and partly that the results of his work may be of use to other students of biology. In the death of Mr. Craven Iowa has lost a young man whose marked ability, energy and purpose, gave promise of a useful scientific career.

JOHN L. TILTON.

## DR. WILBERT EUGENE HARRIMAN.

In 1896 Dr. Harriman became a fellow of the Iowa Academy of Science of which he has been a faithful member, though he never presented any papers, nor was it his privilege to attend many of the meetings because of his professional work. However, he was deeply interested in scientific subjects, especially those connected in any way with the progress of medical science. He was born in Cherokee, Iowa, on December 4, 1871, and died in Hampton, Iowa, March 17, 1909. On his father's side he came from a long line of New England ancestry, and on his mother's side of Scotch and German ancestry. He graduated from the Hampton High School in June, 1890, entering Iowa State College July, 1890, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. S. in November, 1893. He finished one year's work in the medical department of the University of Iowa, where he won a prize in a competitive examination in histology. He studied medicine in the office of Dr. W. A. Rohlf, of Hampton, during the long winter vacations. He passed the medical examination of the State Board and located in Gilbert, Story county. In 1894 he entered Jefferson Medical College, graduating in 1895. He also pursued work in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and later in the Post-graduate Medical College in Chicago.

He was elected college physician and professor of histology, pathology and physiology, locating in Ames in 1895. To the great regret of the entire college community, he resigned his position as college physician on September 1, 1907, because of ill health, the board reluctantly accepting his resignation.

He was a member of the State Medical Association and Fellow in the American Academy of Medicine, and the Iowa Academy of Science. Papers prepared with care and skill were presented to some of the meetings of the Medical Associations. He was esteemed and reported by his fellow practitioners as a worthy and able professional man.

Dr. Harriman was a splendid type of citizen and the community irrespective of creed or party felt the loss to an unusual degree. In the class room he was concise, and no student ever left the room without feeling that some difficult point had been made clear by his elucidation. The writer has many times heard words of praise spoken of his work as a lecturer and an expounder of the intricate problems of physiology and medicine. Dr. Harriman will, however, be best known for service to the community and the college in particular as a physician and surgeon. During the epidemic of typhoid fever in 1900 he showed his unusual ability to cope with existing conditions and to place sanitary conditions on a better basis. He worked night and day and earned the everlasting gratitude of a large body of students and the faculty. It was my pleasure to have been associated with him in tracing the cause of this typhoid epidemic. He spared neither time nor effort to correct the conditions and



Dr. Harriman.

suggest changes essential for the health of the student body. It was at his suggestion, a few years later, that a systematic study was made of the water and milk supply of the college. He was ever urgent for a sewage disposal system and good water supply.

In this day of specialization the "family doctor" is almost a thing of the past, but the doctor was not only true to his calling as a surgeon but a good "Family Doctor." He knew all about the members of the family and what they needed to restore them to health. It was not always medicine they needed. The patient felt that he was safe in his hands. That he had the confidence is shown in the fact that his office was always filled with patients waiting for him. To all it was the same kind word and treatment. No matter what time of the day he was ready to serve his fellow men. It can be truly said that he offered his own life for the good of others.

So conscientious was he in his work that when a patient had a serious sickness he never left him until he was certain that the patient was on the road to recovery. No matter in what circumstances the patient was, he received the same treatment. This he considered to be the duty of a physician.

It was his great interest in the student that commended him to every one in this community. There were stated hours in which the students could see the doctor, at the College Hospital, but they came to his office and called on him at all hours of the day and night. He was always ready to help them and in this way avoided many serious troubles.

His sensitive nature and conscientious scruples made him more than careful in his medical work. His diagnosis was carefully made and consequently few errors in treatment. I had many talks with him, and he frequently unbosomed himself in his frank and straightforward way about many subjects we had in common. He had a profound reverence for authority and felt deeply chagrined when an injustice was done to some one. It was in this frank and straightforward way that he won the esteem and respect of his fellow men. I love to think of the good doctor as I saw him in his professional work in his prime, and when he was a student in my classes in the early nineties. His work as a student was an inspiration to me and his fellow students.

The last time I saw him his health had been undermined to such an extent that he said, "I will have to quit practice for a while." but his message to me was cheering and full of hope. It was the same kindly greeting as in earlier days. I did not think it would be a parting message, but such it proved to be. We looked back over the years when he told me that he was anxious to practice medicine in Ames and establish his name among good practitioners of the State and become a worthy member of our community.

Though young in years the service he did to his fellow men was rich in blessings and full of fruition. His life was one of strict service to others. What more can be said of any man devoted to his work of helping humanity? It is blessed beyond measure and our words are inadequate to express our gratitude to the man who led an unostentatious life for the good of mankind.

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