

17-38 FRANK A. POOTS, 1919

Frank A. Poots was born in Jasper county, Iowa, February 2, 1877, and passed away on the morning of December 17, 1919, at Tacoma General hospital, Tacoma, Washington, aged 42 years, 9 months and 24 days.

He had been in good health until a few weeks ago, when he became ill of influenza, which developed into pneumonia. It was not considered serious and although he had been quite ill was improving and was able to sit up. He had written two letters home telling of his illness, but added that he expected to be well again soon. It was with a genuine shock, therefore, that relatives were notified of his very serious illness a few days later. Pneumonia, affecting the heart, had developed and in his already weakened condition he had no power to resist it, and before the relatives could arrive he passed away.

In one of his last letters he spoke of the fine care and treatment given him in the hospital, of the kindness of friends, teachers and pupils. He received the best possible treatment, but his work was done. He has laid down the cross to take up the crown.

Frank was one of a family of eleven children, all of whom, with the exception of one sister, survive. The father passed away in 1887; thirty-two years since the cloud of death and sorrow has overshadowed the home. Frank was always ambitious to obtain an education and after finishing the rural schools entered and later graduated from the Lynnville high school. He later entered Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, graduating in 1897. For three years he taught in the schools of Jasper county and later accepted a position in the Aurora, Ia., schools and spent one year at Rockford. He was principal of schools at Delmont, S. D., for two years, then went to Sioux City where for five years he was superintendent of the Lincoln schools.

He went from Sioux City to Sanborn, Iowa, as superintendent and advanced step by step, until seven years ago when he was made principal of the Franklin schools of Tacoma, where he remained until his death.

When only a small boy he united with the M. E. church at Bethel and has always been faithful to the faith. He was also a member of the Y. M. C. A. and the Masonic Lodge and took an active interest in their welfare and growth.

Everyone who knew Frank Poots honored and liked him. He was kindly, sympathetic and interesting and had the unusual quality of constant cheerfulness. He will be sorely missed in the home to which he came each year for a short visit with mother, brothers, sisters and friends. He leaves to mourn his loss his mother, Mrs. Nancy Poots, and six brothers, William, Alexander, Robert, Samuel and John of near Grinnell, and Everett, of Clear Lake, Ia.; and three sisters, Mrs. Hanna Ormiston and Mrs. Jennie Eichner of Newton, and Mrs. Addie Jackson, of Grinnell.

Funeral services, attended by a host of sorrowing friends, were held Tuesday morning at Bethel church.