

## Active and Helpful Life Reaches Close

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Herbert B. Preston was born in 1859 in Newton, Iowa. He was of New England parentage, his father and mother, Sylvester and Amelia Preston, having come from Vermont to take up life in the West under pioneer conditions. The family later moved to Grinnell where the father became a successful merchant. Herbert attended the public schools and the Academy of Grinnell College, then known as Iowa College; and after a business course in Chicago, he entered mercantile business. He married Miss Addie Jones, whose death occurred in 1900. Their older son, Raymond, passed away in 1927; the younger son, Laurence, with his wife and son live in Los Angeles. Four of the brothers who survive live in Iowa, and two brothers and two sisters live in Southern California. (W.L.E.)

In 1906 Herbert came to California, two years later returning to Grinnell where he married Miss Catherine Hibbard, whom he brought to Los Angeles to make a new home with him in the West. They have worked together, hand in hand, and her devotion has made for him an exceptionally happy home life. He had a wide circle of friends to whom he endeared himself by many generous qualities. There have been many testimonies in these recent sad days to his kindness, and the happiness it gave him to give pleasure to others. His wife is of notable social qualities, and her friends have become his friends.

Mr. Preston was a man of much courage and persistence in the face of difficulties, qualities which commanded respect and admiration from those who knew the discouragements which he encountered. His determination and energy were untiring, even at times of physical suffering which would have caused many to cease their efforts.

He enjoyed his family and his home. His buoyant and optimistic spirit gave cheer and courage to others. His love of work, always planned toward some definite purpose, made work a pleasure to him rather than a drudgery. These qualities helped to make a wholesome and attractive personality. Still active, and planning for the future—it seems as if his life had been unduly shortened.