

Martin H. Foss.

The Trustees of Hyde Park little thought as they were engaged in their duties, in regular session, on Friday evening last, that their esteemed fellow Trustee and reliable Chairman of their Finance Committee was at that same hour taking his final leave of absence from the world. Death always comes suddenly. It was reported at that meeting that Mr. Foss was better, but how much better the speaker really did not then know. He is better, in a better world. He was taken sick only a short time, and had missed only two weekly meetings, and none of his friends thought his end was so near. He died peacefully, about 9 o'clock in the evening. He died in the prime of life, and in the midst of a busy, highly honored and useful life. He was not only a trustee of the Village for the past two years, but during that time held the most responsible position as chairman of the finance committee. He was very honest, outspoken, and pronounced in his opinions, and his judgment was always respected. When he spoke "unto him men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at his counsel." The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, from his late residence at the corner of Forty-seventh street and Indiana avenue.

The late residence of the deceased was crowded by sorrowing friends long previous to the time appointed for the funeral services to commence. The piteous lamentations of a little 7-year-old girl for her dead father were heartrending, and brought tears to the eyes of many stout men. The floral tributes were numerous and expressive. Among others were: A star and crescent, the star containing the word "Rest" and the crescent "Father;" a star with "My son" inscribed on it; a star, crown, and bar containing the word "Brother;" a broken column, a sickle, and a sheaf of wheat. The religious services were conducted by the Rev. E. F. Williams, pastor of the South Congregational Church, of Oakland, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Everst, of Plymouth Church, Michigan avenue and Twenty-sixth street.

The services commenced by the choir singing, "The Mellow Eve is Gliding." Appropriate portions of the Scriptures were then read, and the choir chanted "Come unto Me." The Rev. Mr. Williams then made some remarks on the good qualities of head and heart which distinguished their departed friend, and eulogized his sterling integrity, his honesty, and his high sense of honor, and declared he was a man who was fit to live and fit to die. The choir rendered, "There is an Hour of Peaceful Rest," after which prayer was offered. "When We Reach a Quiet Dwelling" was sung, the benediction given, and the ceremony was at an end. The friends were then given an opportunity to look for the last time on the face of him who but a few short weeks ago was among them full of life and vigor. The entire police force of the village was present under the command of Captain Snyder and Sergeant Howard, and Hose Company No. 4 was present in uniform, with Marshall Davies as commandant. About three o'clock the funeral cortege was formed, and soon after proceeded to Oakwoods Cemetery. The pall-bearers were H. R. Hobart, President of the Board of Trustees; Trustees Johnstone, Ford, Webster, and Pearce, and Mr. George Follansbee. There were in the funeral procession over thirty carriages, containing among others the following: H. A. Foss, Mrs. Foss, Miss Bertie Howard, S. D. Foss and family, C. E. Foss and family, John Foss, Eben Foss, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Warner, Tappan Elliott, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Nellie Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. F. Putnam, Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Willie and Lydia McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Cornflower, Mr. McLean and family, Mrs. Hoxie, Mr. and Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Smith, Senator L. D. Condee, Assessor Hugh Maher, Comptroller O. A. Bogue, Village Clerk Frank S. Blain, Village Treasurer R. Z. Herrick, J. S. Ritchie, J. P. C. L. Norton, Colonel J. H. Bowen, John I. Bennett, Frank Howard, Dr. Hall, Mr. Shepherd, the Rev. Dr. Swazey, the Rev. E. F. Williams, and the Rev. C. H. Everst.

The Village Hall was draped in mourning on account of the death of Mr. Foss, who was a Trustee.

At a meeting of the Chicago Provision, Grain and Stock Board, held recently, the following preamble and resolutions were passed relative to the death of Mr. M. H. Foss:

WHEREAS, Since our last session it has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst Mr. Martin H. Foss, a respected member and officer of this board since its organization; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Martin H. Foss we recognize the loss of one of our most respected members, a man of more than average business capacity, possessed of a sense of justice and honor, which reflected upon all who came in contact with him, and of a genial and kindly disposition that won all hearts.

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved family of the deceased in this, the sad hour of their affliction, our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family and be spread upon the records of this association.

South Chicago Avenue.

OBITUARY.

MARTIN H. FOSS.

Mr. Martin H. Foss, a well-known business-man and member of the Board of Trade and of the Board of Trustees of Hyde Park, died Friday evening at his residence on the corner of Indiana avenue and Forty-seventh street, of a complication of typhoid-fever and inflammatory rheumatism, after a brief illness of only a week's duration.

Mr. Foss was born April 2, 1832, in Thornton, N. H., and came in 1855 to Chicago. He returned in the course of a few years to his home in the East, but again came West, and about 1860 re-settled in Chicago, and entered upon an active business career which lasted up to the time of the sickness which killed him. After serving for a year as Grain Inspector on the Board of Trade, he organized with his brother the firm of S. D. Foss & Co., which for many years did a large and prosperous business. Two years ago the name of the firm was changed to that of Foss, Strong & Co., the deceased having a one-third interest in it.

Mr. FOSS, who was married twice, leaves a wife and three children,—sons of 22 and 3 respectively, and a daughter of 7 years of age. These are left in very comfortable circumstances, Mr. Foss being worth over \$100,000, besides being joint owner of forty acres of land on the South Side and in Hyde Park, and lands in Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska.

The funeral of the deceased, who was a member of the Congregational Church, will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at his residence, from which carriages will go to Oakwoods Cemetery. The members of the Board of Trade, many of whom called at the office of the deceased yesterday to pay their respects to his memory, will act as pall-bearers, accompanying to the grave a man who in all his relations of life was upright, able, and honorable, and whose loss will be severely felt by a large circle of friends and by the business community generally.

A. H. ADAMS.

The many friends of Mr. A. H. Adams, of this city, were shocked to see the brief announcement of the death of his only son, Mr. Willis A. Adams, which occurred in New York Jan. 22, after an illness of only three days. He had not been very robust for some little time past, and was at the time of his death en route for Florida and Cuba for his health. He was only 22 years old, and a young man than whom few had brighter prospects in life. He showed peculiar aptitude for business at an unusually early age, and his father, in consequence made him a partner in his quite extensive business some four years ago. All who came in contact with him remember him as the personification of integrity,—to do a mean act was foreign to his nature. He was a young man of a very retiring disposition, but endeared himself to all who came in intimate contact with him by reason of his generous impulses, his hatred of hypocrisy, and his broad humanitarianism. His remains were taken to the residence of his grandmother at Grafton, Mass., whence they were followed by a concourse of the family's friends to their final resting place and deposited beside those of several generations of his ancestors.