

# RESPONDS TO DEATH'S CALL

**Hon. Lewis L. Wheelock Passed  
Away Suddenly Last  
Friday.**

## GRIM REAPER IS AT WORK

**Samuel W. Farmer Died Wednesday Night — Many Other  
Deaths.**

Honorable Lewis L. Wheelock died of heart failure at his home 812 South Elm street last Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Wheelock had been in poor health for several years but notwithstanding his bodily strength failing kept steadily at his work in the law offices of Wheelock & Sperry. Severe spells of illness kept him at home the greater part of the spring and he had apparently recovered. Only the day previous he had been to Farmington, Minn., where he delivered the address at the Memorial day exercises. On his return home he felt tired and rested well overnight. Friday morning he felt fatigued and remained at home. In the afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock, Mr. Wheelock walked into the kitchen where his wife was looking after her household work. He fell to the floor and passed away. Although every effort and aid was given

him by his wife.

Prominent among the men who have taken an active part in developing the resources and in advancing the interests of Owatonna and of the state was Hon. Lewis L. Wheelock. Ever patriotic and ready to do right as he saw his duty Judge Wheelock won the esteem, reverence and respect of all his associates, fellow citizens and acquaintances. He was a good Christian man. Mr. Wheelock is a son of Lewis L. Wheelock, Sr., and Mary Howe Wheelock, and was born at Mannsville, Jefferson county, New York state on November 12, 1839. At the early age of ten years, Mr. Wheelock was left an orphan, and thrown upon his own resources. He received his early education in the public schools of his native state, and at the age of twenty was employed as a teacher in the Macedon Academy, in Wayne county, New York., serving in that capacity until the outbreak of the Civil War. In 1862, he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Sixtieth, New York Volunteers; was mustered in as first lieutenant of Company B. He was subsequently promoted to Captain of Company C., of the same regiment, and served a trifle over three years. At the battle of Opequon, near Winchester, September 19, 1864, he was wounded in the right arm, below the elbow, and was laid up for a month. His regiment was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia in November 1865. The colonel of this regiment was Charles C. Dwight, of Auburn, New York. Captain Wheelock read law with Mr. Dwight, came to Owatonna in 1866, and was admitted to the bar in 1867. Subsequently he went to Georgia, and as connected with the Freedmen's Bureau for some months.

committees. He was afterwards appointed postmaster of Owatonna. In 1887 he was elected department commander for Minnesota of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Wheelock during his service in the state senate, became one of the most influential and prominent members of that body, being an able speaker and parliamentarian. For many years he has given his service on the board of directors of the Owatonna Free Public library, holding the office of President, which he held at the time of his death. His many year's residence in Owatonna, together with the various public offices which he has held, and the prominent part he has taken in public and political matters, have made him well-known throughout the state.

Judge Wheelock's home was always a haven of rest. At home he was happy. On July 25, 1871, Mr. Wheelock was married to Miss Adaline Burch of Hillsdale, Michigan. Seven children were born to them of whom four are living. They are Arthur B., of Seattle, Wash.; Dwight of Idaho; Paul at home and Mrs. Paul H. Evans of this city. Mrs. Wheelock died February 24, 1901. In

He returned north in 1868, attended a course of lectures at the Albany Law school and then opened an office at Owatonna. In 1879 Judge Wheelock formed a partnership with Wesley A. Sperry, the law firm being styled Wheelock & Sperry. Since residing in this city, Mr. Wheelock has been city attorney and judge of probate. In 1876-7 Mr. Wheelock was in the State Senate. During both sessions he was chairman of the committee on education, and also served on the railroad and judiciary

April 1902, Mr. Wheelock married Mrs. P. L. Inglis, of Chicago, his friendship for whom dated back to his life in Macedon Academy. Judge Wheelock was a life-long member of the First Congregational church in this city. There is no language at our command by which we can fittingly portray the sincerity of this man's *Christian character*; and in the experience of a lifetime, the writer hereof can safely say, he never met one who seemed to more nearly walk hand in hand with God. Conscience guided every act. He was a model

of mental industry in his efforts to entertain and instruct his people. He was strictly honest in the service he rendered. In short, he was not only a model Christian, but he was an honorable gentleman, in the highest sense that term implies. To man, woman or child, saint or sinner, he always extended a cordial greeting, that lent a ray of light to brighten their pathway in the journey of life. He commanded the respect of all sects and classes of people, as the attendance at his funeral fully verified. It was so perfectly natural for him to do right.

The funeral of the late Hon. L. L. Wheelock will be held this Friday afternoon. The first service will be held at the family residence, 812 south Elm street, at one o'clock, and at 1:30 o'clock from the First Congregational church, Rev. Everett Leshner to preach. Cyrene Commandery No. 9, Knight Templar will be in charge of the services at the church and the James A. Goodwin Post No. 81, G. A. R., will be charge of the rites at the grave in Forest Hill cemetery.