

pated. That was all he said about himself. He cautiously withheld the fact, that he was even then suffering from the terribly fatal disease, a malignant type of diphtheria, which had felled his nephew and brother. Saturday morning Mrs. Carpenter received a postal card, stating that her husband was suffering from quinsy, an old enemy of the professor. But a few moments later, Mr. A. H. Main received a telegram from Professor Carpenter's niece, dated December 7th, 1878, announcing his sudden death that morning—probably from a piece of membrane falling into or over the windpipe.

This was a sad message. It came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, and with almost crushing effect upon the partner of his bosom. Deep grief pervaded all classes; for the University, the church, the Masonic fraternity, the Historical Society, and various benevolent institutions, had all suffered a loss that could not be easily estimated.

On account of the contagious and malignant character of the disease by which Prof. Carpenter was stricken down, it was at first proposed to bury his remains in Geneva, but he being a member of the Masonic order, his brother Masons soon took the necessary steps and had his body brought to Madison for interment. The corpse reached here on Monday afternoon, December 9th, and the funeral took place from the Baptist church, on Carroll street, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, of which church he had been a member from the time he came to Madison. An able funeral discourse was delivered by Rev. C. O. Maltby, pastor of the church, and appropriate remarks were made by President Bascom, Professor Sterling, and Rev. E. D. Huntley, when his remains were conveyed to Forest Hill Cemetery, and placed in their final resting place by the impressive ceremonies of his Masonic brethren.

At a faculty meeting held in the University on Monday afternoon, the 9th of December, the following resolutions were adopted and spread on the records of the proceedings:

"As Stephen H. Carpenter, a member of the faculty, has been removed from us by sudden death, we wish to express our feeling that the University has lost a most faithful and accomplished teacher, and this faculty an experienced and judicious counsellor.