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ROBERT BALL DIES

Robert Ball, one of the oldest and most respected pioneers of this county, passed away on Friday last, at a Minneapolis hospital, where he underwent an operation the week before for stomach trouble.

He had barely been able to take nourishment enough to sustain life since before the holidays. Upon being taken to Minneapolis and undergoing an operation, a cancerous growth was found, and it was beyond the skill of physicians or surgeons to restore him to health and strength, and death came as a relief from the long period of intense suffering which usually accompanies internal cancer.

The body was brought back to Groton for interment in Union Cemetery, and funeral services were held on Mon-

day afternoon at the Presbyterian Church, at which a large number of friends and neighbors assembled for the last rites.

Robert Ball was born in England on Feb. 29th, 1848. When a boy the family moved to Wisconsin. He came to Dakota Territory in 1882, and married Mary Clark the next year. Was left a widower in 1892. Leaves four children, —one son and three daughters—three brothers—William, John and Thomas—and four sisters, Mrs. John Carnegie of Portage, Wis., Mrs. Henry Rogers of Viroqua, Wis., Mrs. Pat Welsh of Briggsville, Wis., and Mrs. John Murray of Minneapolis.

A good citizen and a faithful father has passed away. In the funeral address, Mr. Butt paid a strong tribute to the man, who, left a widower eighteen years ago, devoted the remaining years of his life to keeping the family together and rearing the motherless children.