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## MRS. F. L. DEAN SUDDENLY EXPIRES

END CAME PEACEFULLY AND UN-  
EXPECTEDLY THURSDAY  
MORNING

Mrs. F. L. Dean, pioneer woman of this state and lovely character of Groton since 1910, passed away peacefully and quietly at her home here last Thursday morning from the effects of a heart attack. She had been ill for the past three weeks but immediate members of the family were hopeful for her recovery, since she had been able to be up and about the house a short time before her sad-denning death. But on Thursday morning the heart which had glowed in warmth and love for others throughout her life ceased its labors and a gentle spirit raced to join its Maker.

Mrs. Dean was born at St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, March 14, 1863, and she came to South Dakota in 1882, settling near Castlewood. For a number of years she was a resident of Webster and came to Groton in 1910, following her marriage to Mr. Dean in 1909. Her thirty years of life in Groton was marked by an unselfish distribution of kind deeds and thoughtful administration, not only among neighbors, but upon a host of a younger generation who will always remember her by the everlasting name of "Mother Dean"—beloved by all who came in contact with her gentle influence.

Mrs. Dean was married to Mr. Dean at Aberdeen in 1909 and there are left to mourn her loss her husband and two children by a former marriage, a brother and sister and three grandchildren. The children are Mrs. E. O. Potter of Webster and George Howson of Aberdeen, while her brother and sister are Mrs. Vola Laughlin of Danville, Mich., and George Durbie of St. Thomas. The grandchildren are Ed. Howson of Watertown, Floyd of Rochester, Minn., and Mrs. Harry Walker of Webster.

The funeral was held from the home she loved so well last Saturday morning at 10:30, conducted by Rev. Luther C. Benson, pastor of the Methodist church. Her resting place was in the sun parlor in which she had spent so many happy hours and her silent, stilled form was showered with expressions of love and devotion through a profusion of flowers, beautiful testimonials of the high esteem in which she was held. Her remains were followed to Groton cemetery by a large cortege of sorrowing friends and laid to rest in Groton cemetery.