

January 30, 1946

## Service Held Tuesday For Former Grotonite

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Mrs. Herman Wegner, at the Paetznick Funeral Home with the Rev. Otto Gehring of Big Stone City, S. D., in charge. Songs were furnished by Mrs. Amos Doeringsfeld and Mrs. Palmer G. Peterson, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Williams, while Prof. John A. Kowalke, of Kensett, Iowa, a grandson of the deceased, also sang "Asleep in Jesus." Donald, Darrel and Lyle Clocksene, Amos Doeringsfeld, George Wegner and Wm. J. Paetznick, were pallbearers, and interment was made in the family lot in the Groton Union cemetery.

Mary (Von Wald) Wegner, daughter of Casper and Anna (Ambuehl) Von Wald, was born July 30, 1870, at Waumandee, Buffalo county, Wis., and passed away on January 26, 1947, at Big Stone City, S. D. When she was two years of age the family moved to Fairpoint, in Goodhue county, Minn., and it was there she began her education. At the age of eight her father died, and she then went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sahr, making her home with them until her marriage. In 1881 the family moved to Big Stone City, where she finished school and taught for two years in the rural schools of that vicinity. Later she attended the St. Cloud, Minn., Normal school, graduating from there in the spring of 1896.

She was united in marriage on Sept. 8, 1898, to Herman G. Wegner of Groton, at St. Cloud, Minn., by the Rev. Fred Sahr. The couple made their home at Groton until the spring of 1911, when they disposed of their business interest here and purchased a farm on the Minnesota side of Big Stone lake. Mr. Wegner passed away on October 11, 1931. The past seven years Mrs. Wegner made her home with the Rev. G. H. Kowalke family at Bowdle and at her home in Big Stone City.

Mrs. Wegner attended the Evangelical church and Sunday school as a small child and remained a faithful member until her death. She was an ardent worker in all the organizations of that church both at Groton and at Big Stone City, being deeply interested in the missionary work of the church. She held many high positions in missionary societies in the state and local organizations, but because of her failing health, she had to discontinue her fine work. It can truly be said of her, "Her Works Do Follow Her."

She was a loving mother to Leonard A. Wegner and Mrs. G. H. Kowalke, and a grandmother of Godly influence to John A. Kowalke. She leaves to mourn her loss the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Kowalke and their son, John, a sister and a brother, nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends, among whom there are many in this vicinity. Sympathy is extended to them in their loss.