

HUGH ROBERTSON'S LONG LIFE ENDED

For Fifty-four Years He Had Been a Prominent, Active, Hospitable, Cheerful and Scholarly Citizen of the City of Keokuk.

WAS A FINE TYPICAL SCOTCHMAN

Was the Last of the Original Directors of the Iowa State Insurance Company Which He Served for Over 40 Years.

Hugh Robertson died at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, at his home, 325 North Second street. His death was due to the gradual running down of the physical machinery which brought him to a serious condition a fortnight ago. He slipped from earth into the other world almost imperceptibly, at the age of seventy-seven years.

He was born in Perthshire, Scotland, April 24, 1833, and at the age of nineteen he came to America, coming direct to the west and locating in St. Louis, in the Nicholson Grocery company, the head of which was a native of Mr. Robertson's birthplace. For five years previously the young man had been clerking in the grocery trade in Scotland.

In 1854, at the age of twenty-three, Mr. Robertson came to Keokuk which city was the scene of all his future career. First he was in the grocery business with C. H. Albers for a partner, and as the years went on, he formed various connections in the mercantile field, always with groceries as his line of trade.

The Last of the Insurance Pioneers.
He was the last one remaining of the original directors of the Iowa State Insurance company, one of the oldest in the middle west. He became a director of that company in 1859, and served continuously on the board to the day of his death. In January, 1909, he was elected assistant secretary of that company, and in June 1909, was made secretary. Last January, ill health caused him to resign from the secretaryship, at the same time that he ceased all business activities.

Always active, Mr. Robertson was for years prominent in secret society circles. He was a Knight Templar, a Knight of Pythias and an Elk. His marked social bent made him a valuable and highly appreciated member of these orders.

For many years, and at the time of his death, he was a park commissioner of Keokuk.

He was a sincere Scotch Presbyterian, and for many years a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church of this city. Rev. Dr. Ezra B. Newcomb of that church will conduct the funeral services at the residence Monday afternoon.

The Bereaved Family.
The marriage of Mr. Robertson and Miss Mary Sinton occurred in 1860; Mrs. Robertson died in 1897. They had two children, William S. Robertson and Mrs. W. S. Titus, the latter of whom survives him. The sudden death of his son while Mr. Robertson was in Europe in 1906, was a great grief to him, and he failed in strength more rapidly thereafter.

A brother, Donald Robertson, lives

self. Those who held long converse with him heard nothing about himself and very little about other people; the topic was something he considered more worth while.

He never even spoke of his worries to his family. In the natural and habitual worry that comes to all men who do things and are active in life, GAL TWO—HUGH ROBERTSON

especially commercial life, Hugh Robertson was always silent even in his home, when members of his family would suspect the worry and question him, he would lightly deny or pass the question by. Equally, he was chary of speaking of his joys and successes. Perfectly balanced, he always kept perfect poise, always modest, he did not consider his own affairs of interest to other people; constant contact with Hugh Robertson gave one much knowledge of many things, but little knowledge of Hugh Robertson, himself.

A Man of True Culture.
If one were to picture the personality of Hugh Robertson, one would draw him seated in his library, deeply abstracted in philosophy, while around him are seated a dozen men affirming that he is a jolly good fellow.

For the side of his character that was most visible showed unbounded hospitality, unlimited kindness, much good cheer, and a love of good company with similar tastes.

He was a fine conversationalist, for his depth of learning was seasoned by much travel. He had toured all over the United States and made four trips to Europe; his keen observation caused him to store up great quantities of information, and his real interest in many things and the reason for all things, made him get true culture on his travels.

His Great Kindness to Others.
His kindness was not of the frothy, jolly kind which tries to make meat out of compliments. He was a strict taskmaster with his employees, and as the boys who thought him somewhat tyrannical grew older, they recognized that much of their own success was due to the training Hugh Robertson gave them—the real good and permanent pleasure of others seemed his chief object in life. His attitude toward his own family is best illuminated by a remark Miss Charlotte Ruddick made at one time:

"We never asked Grandpa for anything in our lives; he always gave it to us before we asked."

Good Cheer and Ripe Scholarship.
He dearly loved good cheer and good company, next to the books of a Scotch philosopher, or a Scotch theologian. But good cheer and good company had a certain definition for Hugh Robertson. He never could understand how people can enjoy the light froth of life. He did not care for music, for itself, but he bought a player-piano and a cord of rolls for it, because they were Scotch music. He went to Chicago to hear Landler, but that sort of bear-carriage did not satisfy his taste as well as the song about Annie Laurie or the ballad of the Scots who hae w' Wallace.

He conducted, too infrequently, it is true, the best salon Keokuk ever had; it was made by inviting in some score of his friends among the elect and having a man with real talent read to them some such thing as a paper on Shakespeare's full of new ideas.

A Heart with Knowledge Warm.
But the most enjoyable times at his house were the evenings when a half dozen kindred spirits met there to talk deeply and widely through tobacco smoke that almost made them indistinguishable to one another. Some of the best minds of this section of the country have forgathered there. Now they are saying:

"He's gone, he's gone, he's frae us tern."
The best fellow in this town."
It was a good fellowship based on ripe scholarship and genuine kindness toward his fellowmen.

He had in a little book a long list of friends to whom he sent at every Christmas a sprig of real heather imported from his beloved Scotland—to him and to them this heather expressed all the poetry, romance and richness of life on the land of Walter Scott and Bobb' Burns, and of Hugh Robertson. He was typically Scotch with all the Scotch virtues.

"Few hearts like his with virtue warmed;
Few hearts with knowledge so adorned."

RESOLUTIONS ON ROBERTSON DEATH

Directorate of Iowa State Insurance Company Take Action on Death of Former Secretary.

At a meeting of the directors of the Iowa State Insurance company, held this day, April 2, 1910, the following resolutions of respect to the memory of Hugh Robertson were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the All-wise Providence to remove from our midst Hugh Robertson, who for forty years has given this company his valuable services;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that in the death of Hugh Robertson we mourn the loss of a valuable officer, who by his labor and influence has contributed largely to the success of this company.

Further Resolved, That the directors of this company tender to the



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One of the popes, in the Middle Ages had to prohibit dances in the churches. In 858 the bishop of Orleans condemned the dancing of women in the presbytery at festivals. In 1209 theatrical dances in the churches were forbidden, and two church councils not long afterward condemned all dancing in churches or churchyards.

Goat's \$15,000 Meal.
A peasant followed by a goat walked into the local bank at Aurillac to pay in some money. As he was going out a clerk noticed that the goat had a piece of paper in his mouth. He vaulted over the counter and caught the animal just in time to prevent it swallowing a bond worth \$15,000 which it had nibbled off the counter.

THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that beautiful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed, the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by the fathers and mothers.

If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines when medicines are not needed, and when nature requires assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna. As you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—is printed on the front of every package. To get its beneficial effects it is necessary to purchase the genuine only. Buy a bottle today to have in the house when needed. Put up in one size only. Regular price 50c a bottle and for sale by all leading druggists.

