Today For Miss Marion E. Sparks

Funeral services for the Miss, Marion E. Sparks, of the University's chemistry department, who died suddenly night at the Peoria hospital, will be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Mortuary, Uptown, Urbana. The body will be taken to Ohio for burial later in the afternoon.

Miss Sparks was born in Urbana, Ohio, and attended the Ohio Agricultural School, entering the University of Illinois in 1897, with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. She received a degree of Master of Library Science in 1901, and a Master of Arts degree in 1903.

In 1904 Miss Sparks became a member of the chemistry laboratories in the University, which position she held until 1912, when she became librarian in the chemistry library and at the time of her death was librarian of the chemistry department.

Miss Sparks was the author of several articles, including "Botany in China," "Early Sherman," "Modern Science Fiction," and "History of the World." She also wrote "Chemistry," and "A Study of the Experimental Laboratory of the Chemistry," and was well known for her "Chemical Education and the Jews." Miss Sparks was active in the society, and in the University in the capacity of an assistant professor in the University in the department of ornithology.

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Funeral Services Today For Miss Marion E. Sparks

Short funeral services for the Miss Marion E. Sparks ’95, librarian of the University chemistry department, who died Sunday night at the Burnham hospital, will be held at 4:30 o’clock this afternoon at the Renner undertaking home, Urbana. The body will be taken to Ohio for burial according to tentative plans announced by Miss Sparks’ sister, Mrs. Robert Hughes Paisley of Mt. Vernon.

Miss Sparks was born December 5, 1872. She attended the Ottawa township, Marseilles, and Seneca high schools, entering the University to graduate in 1895 with a degree of bachelor of arts. She received a degree of bachelor of library science in 1899, and a master of arts degree in 1900.

In 1904 Miss Sparks accepted a position as resident bibliographer in the nutrition investigation laboratory of the University, which position she held until 1910. In 1912 she became assistant in the chemistry library and at the time of her death she was librarian of the chemistry department.

Miss Sparks was the author of several articles, including “Birds vs. Street Cars,” “Note of a Brilliant Meteor,” “Dialect for [sic] English,” “A Census of the Periodical Literature of Chemistry,” and a book entitled “Chemical Literature and Its Uses.”

Miss Sparks leaves one sister, Mrs. Robert Hughes Paisley of Mt. Vernon, who graduated from the University in the class of 1904.

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