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JOHN I. SEARS IS DEAD

Prominent Musician and Instructor of Music, Head of Sears' School of This Village, Passes Away at Palatine.

John I. Sears, teacher and advanced student in music in this city was the most prominent man in this vicinity, died last Friday evening at the home of his wife's parents in Palatine, after a year of his prime of life, being but 47 years old. Mr. Sears died Friday. Sears suffered with the commencement of a tubercular growth on his neck. Several of the albums belonging to he found were consulted but their decision rendered it unwise to operate. He then went to his parents home for life which ended Friday, September first, when he gave the greater life beyond.

Mr. Sears was a strong and active man and had endeavored to take good care of his health, but his intense interest in his chosen vocation led him to overwork. Mr. Sears was naturally a musician. He received his musical education at the Chicago Musical college and at the American Conservatory of Music, of Chicago, of both of which schools he was a graduate. He also held a four year teacher's certificate from the Metropolitan Music school of New York City. His instructors have been some of the most famous masters of music in this country.

About fifteen years ago Mr. Sears established a school of music in this village and since that time has taught hundreds of students from this place, Des Plaines, Arlington Heights, Palatine, Cary, Crystal Lake and surrounding towns. He was assisted in this work by Mrs. Sears and Miss Edith Walker. The latter is the Misses Beulah of Cary and Miss Violet Ullstedt of this village, all of whom were pupils. Miss Mae Lane Spooner had charge of the oratory department of his school. This school has been much more than a conservatory of music. Sears and his wife have endeared himself to many of his pupils who were addressed last spring when his sickness compelled his teaches to give up his work of teaching.

He spent the summer restfully with his wife and parents at Palatine. Of late he had been getting much better and on the Wednesday day of his death had sent out announcements to his pupils saying that the Sears' School of Music would open for the fall term as usual and that he would be his old place in the chief instructor. A few hours later, suddenly and without warning, he was summoned to the eternal city.

On the afternoon of September fourth, at 1:30, surrounded by those nearest and dearest, friends and acquaintances were gathered to pay the last tribute of his loving friends, the last and sweet service performed for him, who had passed "within the low green tent, whose curtain never outward swings." The last formal service was held at the home of Mrs. Sears' parents at Palatine, and it was deemed fitting that it be private since he was always happiest and most content with those who knew him intimately and loved him best. Most appropriate and comforting were the words spoken by his pastoral friend, Rev. L. Gaylord Cummins, of Palatine. The pallbearers were his former pupils, Messrs. Frank Bruha, Fred Schaumburg, Frank Pieper, Fred Schaumburg, Frank Pieper, Fred Schaumburg, Frank Pieper