

'Yards'
Folks Lose
Benefactor



MARY E. McDOWELL
Immigrants' friend dies

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IS DEAD; LOVED
BY IMMIGRANTS

Death Ends Forty Years of Social Service Work; Honored by Governments

Mary Eliza McDowell, founder of the University of Chicago Settlement at 4630 Gross st., and called "mother" by the folks "back o' th' yards" for more than forty years, died yesterday in the home of her brother, Irwin, 5345 Ellis av.

She would have celebrated her eighty-second birthday November 30, and although she has been ailing since the middle of August her death was unexpected. She her death was unexpected. A paralytic stroke following a fall ten days ago was not expected to be fatal. She died in her sleep at about 11:30 a. m.

SERVED IMMIGRANTS.

News of Miss McDowell's death spread rapidly throughout the district in which she had served the poor immigrants from many nations for so long. To the Irish settlers, then the Czechs, and Slovaks and Hungarians, she was "mother."

Born in Cincinnati, Miss McDowell came to Chicago with her parents, Malcolm and Jane Gordon McDowell, a family of Virginia stock. A young girl in her early twenties and just out of a young ladies' school on the North Side, she became interested in the work two other young women, Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr, were doing at Hull House.

OPENS SETTLEMENT.

In November, 1894, she opened a settlement in a two-story frame house on the site of the present settlement. Starting with a kindergarten for children of the immigrants, she soon attracted the attention of University of Chicago sociologists, who threw the support of their institution behind her.

For aiding their nationals to adjust themselves to American life, Miss McDowell was decorated by President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia with the Order of the White Lion and by the Lithuanian government with Order of the Grand Duke Gedeminas.

COULDN'T RETIRE.

Miss McDowell retired officially two years ago, but kept up her work, refusing to stay "retired."

"These people need me and I'm going on to the end," she told friends.

Surviving are two brothers, Malcolm McDowell, Chicago newspaper man; Irwin, and a sister, Mrs. Hopkins. Mrs. Ethel Remick McDowell, wife of Irwin, and in charge of social work in the Municipal Court, was in Bloomington, Ill., attending a convention when Miss McDowell passed away.

BODY TO LIE IN STATE.

In deference to the thousands of friends who wish to pay their last respects to Miss McDowell, the body will lie in state in the Ludlow chapel, 6110 Cottage Grove av., this afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the First Unitarian Church, Fifty-seventh st. and Woodlawn av., with the Rev. Von Ogden Vogt, pastor, officiating. Interment will be private at Rosehill Cemetery.

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