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DR. CARL MICHEL

The death of Dr. Carl Michel, dean of the teachers of the Clarkson College of Technology faculty, occurred at the Alice Hyde Memorial Hospital at Malone Sunday afternoon. He had been taken to the hospital after being stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage at Trout River customs office on the Canadian border while returning from Montreal, accompanied by his daughter Miss Lena Michel. Dr. Michel had not been in the best of health for some time but his death was entirely unlooked for. He went to Montreal Thursday to bring home his daughter, who had been taking a summer school course at McGill University. As they were awaiting passing customs at Trout River he was seized with the hemorrhage and was rushed to the hospital at Malone where he remained in a semi-conscious state until his death on Sunday. His wife and two daughters were with him while he was at the hospital.

Dr. Michel was a real and integral part of this community and his death is a matter of grief to a large number, not only in the community, but to a large number of Clarkson students and alumni to whom he has been a source of counsel and kindly aid. He was a man of kindly nature, stern at times, but always for the good of the other party.

For twenty-six years Dr. Michel has been an honored and revered member of the Clarkson College faculty, occupying the chair of English and Social Science, and serving one year, 1927-28 as acting president. A true scholar, Dr. Michel endeavored to instill in his students the same love of study and scholarly attainments which he himself possessed to such an extent. Often thought severe, it was only for the student's sake and the love and regard in which he was held by the alumni of the college proves that they saw this in after years.

Dr. Michel was no less a real member of the community in Potsdam and was always interested and active in work for its best interests. For many years Dr. Michel was an honored and active member of the Potsdam Fortnightly Club and a member of the Lecture Course Committee thereof. He was interested in the cause of temperance and in the days of local option took an active part in the furtherance of the cause in Potsdam. He attended the Universalist Church, and Rev. L. Hamilton Garner, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer of Newark, N. J., and a former pastor of the Universalist Church here in Potsdam, conducted the services at the private funeral at the home on Market street.

Dr. Michel was born in Germany on November 26, 1860, the son of Philip and Katharina Ritzhein Michel. He received his early education at Gymnasium in Darnstadt, Germany, and graduated from the University of Wurzburg where he received his Ph.D.

Coming to the United States in 1882, he went to Ada, Ohio, and took special courses in Ohio Northern University. For 14 years he taught at Ohio Northern. In 1887 while in Ada he married Eva Hellerich.

Dr. Michel is survived by his wife, Eva Hellerich Michel and two daughters, Misses Katharina and Lina, all residents of Potsdam.

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