

# Eight School Teachers Die Of Influenza

## Board of Education Pays Tribute to Victims of Epidemic.

### CLERKS SUCCUMB

## Widow of Prof. Maurer Given Position in South Side High School.

### PROMOTIONS MADE

During the recent epidemic of influenza eight teachers in the public schools of Pittsburgh, succumbed to the disease. In many cases the teachers contracted the disease in the schools before they were ordered closed, the Board of Public Education was informed by Dr. William M. Davidson, superintendent of the schools, at a meeting yesterday. After the announcement, Dr. A. L. Lewis moved that a proper memorial in each death be spread upon the minutes of the board and that announcements of the deaths, with tribute paid the dead teachers by associate superintendents and others, be preserved in the next annual report of the board. The teachers who fell victims to the epidemic were:

- Miss Isabelle McDowell, first grade teacher, Humboldt School, died October 14.
- Miss May Donahay, third grade teacher, Manchester School, died October 33.
- Miss Martha Vance, third grade teacher, Liberty School, died October 25.
- A. H. Maurer, instructor in English, South High School, died October 21.
- Miss Martha Little, second grade teacher, Miller School, died October 24.
- Mrs. Katherine Horan McKenna, seventh grade teacher, West Liberty School, died October 25.
- A. W. Wilhoite, instructor in commercial subjects, George Westinghouse High School, died October 30.
- Miss J. Marguerite Pornof, kindergarten assistant, Forward Avenue School, died November 1.

### Victim's Widow Appointed.

Supt. Davidson recommended that Mary Scott Maurer, widow of Prof. Maurer, one of the influenza victims, be appointed temporary teacher of English in the South Hills High School, the same subject her husband taught there.

Seven new principals were created by the superintendent of schools, chiefly among women who, as assistant principals, long have been in charge of the buildings they now become principals of, as follows:

- Miss Bertha McEntee, assistant principal McCleary School, to be principal Grant School, salary increased \$1,600 to \$1,700.
- C. Schrader, head teacher Brown's School, to be principal thereof, salary increased \$1,100 to \$1,200.
- Miss Emma Kohne, assistant principal to principal Logan School, salary increased \$1,600 to \$1,700.
- Miss Anna Lytle, assistant principal, to principal Miller School, salary increased \$1,600 to \$1,700.
- Miss Ollie Patterson, assistant principal, to principal Somers School, salary increased \$1,600 to \$1,700.
- Miss M. Rosetta Conover, assistant principal, to principal Bennett School, salary increased \$1,600 to \$1,700.
- Miss Alice McSwigan, head teacher, to principal Jefferson School, salary increased \$1,200 to \$1,300.

### Promotions Praised.

Mrs. Mary J. Cowley praised the elevation of the assistant principals to principals as "correcting an injustice of years' standing."

There will be no more stenographic reports taken of meetings of the board, the members decided, in approving a recommendation of N. R. Criss, chairman of finance committee.

Marvin L. Case, stenographer of the board, died recently, a victim of influenza, and the board directed that a proper memorial to Mr. Case be placed in the minutes.

### Pay for Substitutes.

On Dr. Davidson's recommendation the board voted to pay during the time schools were closed by the influenza epidemic temporary teachers, emergency-teacher substitutes, and substitute teachers who were then at work. The payment for regular teachers in such times of enforced school closing is provided for in the school code.

Superintendent of Supplies Carl E. Hoke informed the board that two large coal storage piles for the public schools for the winter have been established, at River Avenue and Walnut street, where 422 tons are stored, and at the Sterrett School, Lang Avenue and Reynolds street, where 572 tons are stored, making the total coal reserve 994 tons.

## INFLUENZA RATE STILL HIGH

The influenza epidemic still continues, no diminution in the more recent volume of new cases having been noted. Reports to the Health Department for the 24-hour period ending at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, showed 222 new cases of influenza, the total number now being 4,432. There were 28 new cases of pneumonia, with a total of 1,855. The 24-hour period 42 deaths were reported, 15 from pneumonia, 24 from influenza pneumonia and 3 from influenza.