OLSEN, Sidney

May 4, 1876
Racine, Wisconsin
July 12, 1902
Hibbing, Minnesota

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DIED:—Sidney Olsen, by drowning, on July 12, 1902, aged 26 years.

The sad news was received here by telegraph Saturday that Sid Olsen had come to his death at Hibbing, Minnesota, by drowning in Snow Ball Lake. Later the following letter was received by the family:

Hibbing, Minnesota, July 12, 1902.

To the Family of Sidney Olson.

Dear Friends—As I have just wired you we have just received the very sad news of the drowning of your son and brother Sidney. Sidney was out with his crew surveying and having finished their work about 5:30 yesterday afternoon, they were passing by Snow Ball Lake on their return to camp, and decided to go in bathing.

Sidney was the last one to go in and was in the water after the others came out.

The first that was known that anything was wrong, was that one of the men on the bank, heard him call that he was in a hole, it seems as though he must also have been taken with cramps, as he was not able to help himself any. Before they were able to get anything to him he went down and did not come to the surface again. One of the party started very soon to notify us here and the others continued in their efforts to recover the body.

I can assure you that everything will be done to recover the remains and upon receiving instructions from you we will gladly attend to matters needing attention here.

Although Sidney had only been with us a short time he was fast becoming one of us, and we all wish to extend our sympathy to you.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. LONGYEAR.

Sidney Olsen was born May 4th 1876 in Racine, Wis. He became a member of the Danish Baptist church Feb 17th 1889. He graduated at the High school in Racine in 1898 and this spring he graduated from the University of Wis. at Madison as a civil Engineer. Sidney was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels C. Olsen and he leaves besides his parents, two sisters and two brothers. Only those who have experienced such trials can in a measure realize what it means to have a dearly beloved son thus stricken down in the very gateway of young manhood. He has always been a good christian boy and his many friends and relatives feel deeply the parting but bow to the will of God, who gave and who taketh away. On Tuesday his friends and relatives paused on life's journey to pay a last tribute of respect and take a last farewell of the one they loved. In heaven's own land may his noble life go on, and after our day may all meet again. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Olson feel very deeply for these parents in this great affliction of their life. He was buried Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church, Rev. Tychsen and Rev. Bolyig conducting the funeral services. The Enterprise together with their many friends extend sympathy.