

BUCHANAN MINISTER ENDS LIFE WITH RAZOR

Rev. Dougherty of Buchanan Took His Own Life on Sunday Morning and Left Notes Explaining His Act

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 28.—
Rev. R. L. Dougherty, the Congregational pastor at Buchanan, and also Congregational pulpit supply at Barrie, committed suicide at about 7 o'clock Sunday morning by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor.

In a note, which was found with the body, addressed to his father and brother, Dougherty stated that the act was the result of a nervous collapse.

A second note which was found later showed that he had intended to end his life on Wednesday, the 23rd, but that his nerve had failed him at that time.

After cutting his throat Dougherty held a bucket between his knees and caught the blood in it until he lost consciousness when he evidently toppled over and the blood was slashed over the room.

BODY COLD IN DEATH

The act was committed in Dougherty's room in the rear of

the Buchanan state bank. Friends of the unfortunate man, K. A. Buchanan and F. H. Keeler, alarmed because he had not started for Barrie, where he was scheduled to preach in the morning, broke in the door about 8 o'clock had found the body which was already cold.

Dougherty was 20 years of age and is survived by his father, who lives at Kansas City, Kan., and a brother, who lives at Kansas City.

Coroner Todd of Jamestown was called to view the remains and he decided that an inquest was unnecessary as it was a plain case of suicide.

Dougherty was seen about the streets of Buchanan on Christmas and he seemed to be in good spirits and in a normal condition then. The unfortunate minister was well and favorably known in this section of the state. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.