

## Sigourney—How Pronounced

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had been exerted by the Academy, which though now past history, still lives in immortal influence.

In the evening Rev. Arthur Graves, a grandson of a former pastor of the church preached on "Making Christ King," and Dr. W. W. Gist, of Cedar Falls, closed the celebration by pointing out the opportunities which still open to this church in serving the religious interests of the community. The splendid music was furnished by the Nashua church.

The Lord passes on the blessings as well as the iniquities of the fathers unto the third and fourth generation, for the central figure in the activities of "The Little Brown Church" in this year of 1915, is James Manly Heald, the grandson of the first clerk, Sanford Billings, and the last member, Mrs. Sanford Billings.

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#### SIGOURNEY—HOW PRONOUNCED.

The county seat of the adjoining county of Keokuk is the namesake of one of the most gifted of American women, and the common pronunciation as if it were spelled Si-gur-ney, placing the entire accent on the second syllable, has always sounded harsh and unpleasant. Wishing to correct this error, we recently addressed a note to Mrs. Sigourney in relation to the matter, intimating our impression that the accent should be entirely on the first syllable. The following is her answer:

Hartford, Conn., March 18th, 1858.

My Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 6th ult. with regard to the pronunciation of the name of Sigourney, I assure you that your own opinion and usage are right in placing the accent entirely on the *first* syllable. I have sometimes heard the stress of voice laid on the second, as you mention often occurs at the West, but it is incorrect.

With best wishes for the success of your periodical and the prosperity of your beautiful State, I am,

Respectfully yours,

L. H. S.

(From *Oskaloosa Herald*.)

Sigourney, Iowa, *Life in the West*, Feb. 17, 1859.

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