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Mary Jane Gay was born in Syracuse, New York, May 12, 1861. In infancy she moved with her parents to Fulton, Ill., spending there 11 years of her childhood. In 1876 she with her parents came to Iowa and located in the vicinity of Grinnell which ever since has been her home. She was married March 10, 1886, to Robert Ashby. To this union were born three children, all of whom are living, viz: Henry M., Arthur W. and Robb. T. She united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Bethel, Iowa, and was numbered among its faithful members. She was an earnest Christian, a faithful companion, a devoted mother. To know her was to love her. Her illness was of short duration, lasting a little less than a week and on the morning of April 30 she passed quietly away to be with the Master, aged 49 years, 11 months and 17 days. Together with her husband and three sons, she leaves an aged uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gay, to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. E. Pfoutz, at Bethel Church, May 2, 1911, at 1:30 p. m. Interment in Bethel cemetery.

*Mrs. Mary Jane Ashby.*

After an illness lasting only a week Mrs. Mary Jane Ashby was called by death at her home in Richland township, Jasper county, six miles southwest of Grinnell, at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning. She was aged 49 years, 11 months and 17 days. Her husband and three sons survive her. One son is a graduate of Grinnell high school and another is now a student there.

The funeral was held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon from Bethel church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Pfoutz, of Lynnvilleville. 5-2-1911