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Mrs. Hattie Hamlin Beebe, mention of whose death has been already briefly made, was born in Wellington, Ohio, March 13, 1851. She was four years of age when her father removed his family to Grinnell, which he did in the second year after the founding of the colony, and this place was thereafter her home up to the time of her marriage, some six years ago. She then removed to Stacyville, this state, but about one year ago her husband returned to Grinnell with his family, and Mrs. Beebe was again among her early friends. In July last she visited friends in Stacyville, and was there seized by the illness which has proved fatal. Her disease was cerebro-spinal meningitis, and for more than four months she suffered the most acute pain with such patience and heroism as could come only from the mingled sweetness and strength of her character. After many weeks of illness she rallied sufficiently to be brought to her mother's home, and her eventual recovery was then hopefully anticipated by her friends, but their hopes were not destined to be realized. She sank rapidly, and on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 1st, passed away.

For such a life as hers, so early closed, it is hard to find words of fitting tribute. She grew up among the people of Grinnell, and was identified with the educational, church, and social life of the place. She was widely known, and known only to be loved. She was a graduate of Iowa College, of the Class of '71, and was known as one of the brightest students the College ever sent forth. Her graduating exercise was a poem of much merit, and is remembered as one of the most noteworthy productions ever given upon any of our Commencement occasions. Immediately after her graduation she was elected to a position in the public schools of Grinnell, and became one of our most faithful and efficient teachers, her success and popularity being attested by subsequent re-elections, as well as by the appreciation of patrons and friends.

But, much as may be said of the gifts of mind and the social graces which won for her the admiration of all, it was yet the loveliness of her character, the purity of her life and motives, which most deeply impressed her friends. She became a member of the church here at the age of thirteen

years, and none who knew her could doubt that her life was actuated by the strongest Christian principle. In all the relations of life, as wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, she showed the same winning sweetness of disposition, the same loftiness of purpose, which made her such a source of inspiration and cheer to all who knew her. That such a life has gone out from among them, her friends can but mourn; but that such a life has been lived, they must rejoice. Her living presence will be felt by them no more, but the memory of her life and character must remain forever.