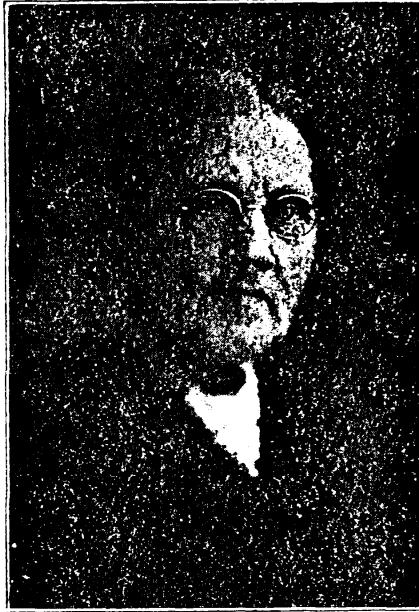


# For Mrs. Isabel



Mrs. Isabella Brande. (THOMAS)

A fitting and beautiful memorial service was held at the Baptist church Sunday morning for Mrs. Isabella Brande with musical numbers which she had loved and with fitting tributes to her character and worth.

Included in the appreciations of Mrs. Brande was one on "Mrs. Brande's Home Life" by Mrs. C. F. Ricker. In this Mrs. Ricker referred to Mrs. Brande as a true wife and mother, and a loved woman who opened her cheerful home to people of all ages. Mrs. Ricker pointed out that even after she was unable to leave her home Mrs. Brande was always looking out for the comfort and happiness of others.

Mrs. Nettie Spooner gave an appreciation of "Mrs. Brande as a Bible Teacher" in which she used a lesson which she remembered that Mrs. Brande had taught fifteen years ago.

Homer Dawkins spoke of "Mrs. Brande's Interest in Young People," quoting from George Mathew Adams who wrote of Mrs. Brande after her death. "—I used to play in her back yard when I was a boy in high school. And she used to save glorious tasting cakes for me."

Mr. Samuel Nelson spoke of "Mrs. Brande's Community Interests." He referred to her interest in every good project in the community and spoke especially of her work after the Grinnell cyclone.

Rev. H. C. Rice gave a short appreciation, "If Mrs. Brande Spoke Today," taking as a center for his talk Phillipians 4:9, giving the thought

that what people had seen Mrs. Brande do, what they had heard her say, and what they had received and learned from her would be safe things for them to do, and that it would be a good policy to emulate her life in our own.

In connection with the special verse used by Mr. Rice, it is interesting to know that in Mrs. Brande's New Testament, which is now in the possession of Mr. Rice, there is written at the first of the book of Phillipians the word "grand." The book is further marked with "good" and "excellent" in the fourth chapter. These markings are the only ones of a personal nature to be found in the entire Testament.

In concluding his talk Mr. Rice read the tribute to Mrs. Brande which appeared in the Bulletin.

As was stated above, music for the occasion was especially selected as favorite numbers of Mrs. Brande and included Haydn's prelude, "The Spacious Firmament"; the hymn, "Oh Could I Speak"; Shelley's quartette number, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"; the Offertory Solo, "Nearer My God to Thee"; the hymn, "Rock of Ages"; the solo by the pastor, "In the Secret of His Presence"; the duet by Mrs. John Carter and Cecil Myers, "Jesus Lover of My Soul"; and the Postlude, "O Zion Haste."

The responsive reading and scripture lesson which was Phillipians 4:1-9, were favorite passages of Mrs. Brande's.

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## NOBLE LIFE OF NOBLE WOMAN

Mrs. Isabella Brande Passed Peace-  
fully Away Saturday Ev-  
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HAD BEEN A POWER FOR  
GOOD IN COMMUNITY

Close Association With Life of Grin-  
nell for Many Years Will Never  
Be Forgotten.

When Mrs. Isabella Brande breathed her last, there was removed from this community a living ministering spirit whose life has been a benediction to all who knew her and whose influence for good is only measured by latitude and eternity.

Mrs. Brande was married April 20, 1857, at Kenosha, Wisconsin, to Rev. Thomas Brande, a devout minister of the Baptist faith whose services were always given for the promotion of right.

This couple came to Grinnell in 1868 and from the moment of their arrival here they became leaders in social and civic life. Mr. Brande served for many years as member of the Grinnell school board and rendered efficient and valuable service to the district. His services to the church were as valuable as his services to the community. His wife joined with him in making the Brande home a center of culture and religious life. She was a woman of rare intelligence, of broad sympathy, of kindly disposition and established character, and there was no woman's movement in this community in which she did not lead and always her influence was for the right.

Her work for all civic improvements in which women are interested was notable. She was a builder of Christian character. She was a promoter of human and religious sympathy, a ministering angel in her wide influence and in her aspirations for the advancement of the pure and holy. Her life has been a hallowed influence for good in the social life of Grinnell and for long years to come, devoted friends and admirers will treasure for her cheerful and upright character a sweet and fragrant memory. Many a young person in Grinnell has risen up to call her blessed and many a work of cheer and hope has she performed that others might be brought to the higher and purer life.

Isabella Brainard was born at Bergen, Norway, March 4, 1837, and so would have been ninety years old at her next birthday. When a young girl she came to America in a sailing vessel which required thirteen weeks to cross the ocean. The party went by boat up the St. Lawrence River and through the Great Lakes, finally locating in Wisconsin and thus she endured in her girlhood days all the struggles and obstacles which beset the pioneer.

At the age of twenty she was united in marriage with Rev. Thomas Brande, a native of the state of New York. In 1858 they removed to Iowa where Mr. Brande settled on a farm in Rock Creek township which he had purchased from the government at fifty cents an acre. On account of poor health he had given up preaching for a short

time, but notwithstanding this, he was one of the first to occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church in Grinnell. Their approach to Grinnell was on the Fourth of July when large crowds were coming to this town to help celebrate the nation's natal anniversary. The Baptist church had been organized but a short time and Mr. Brande frequently occupied the pulpit. As outdoor work improved his health, they returned to Wisconsin where he held pastorates in Waukesha, Kenosha, Milwaukee and Elkhorn and at the latter place was born their only son, Edward B.

About 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Brande, with their son, returned to Iowa, living for a time in Oskaloosa. Mr. Brande was also for a short time financial secretary for Des Moines University but they soon located in Grinnell and in this place they lived until the death of Mr. Brande in 1899, and here has been Mrs. Brande's home ever since, a total period of fifty-eight years.

No more words can narrate the influence for good which this couple rendered to Grinnell and which was continued by Mrs. Brande during all the remaining years of her life. She was foremost in everything that was good. For years she was a leader in the noble work of the W. C. T. U. and her activities for the uplift of the community were not confined to Grinnell alone. She had a wide acquaintance and she rendered noble service to the state.

The memory of Mrs. Brande will be a cherished one. Her quiet, peaceful life, coupled with real service to the town and to the church she loved were notable elements in her character, and her home usefulness extended not only to the circle of her acquaintances, but it was a pervading influence in the entire community. Her life was a pure and holy one and in the gradual fading away of the strength which marked her latter days, she lost none of her aspiration for a higher

life and none of her influence for good. The body occupied today a place in the church where she worshipped, where all friends could gather to pay silent respect to the memory of the devoted dead.

The funeral this afternoon was conducted by Rev. H. C. Rice, present pastor, and by Rev. C. A. Carman, former pastor. Music was furnished by the Denver quartet composed of Rev. C. A. Carman, Cecil Myers, Homer Dawkins and D. E. Peck. Interment was in the family lot in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas