

OBITUARY.

2-26-1909

Mrs. C. I. BRUCE.

Mrs. Fredericka Westfall Bruce was born near Berlin, Germany, on March 30, 1841. She was left an orphan when but eleven years old and came to this country in 1853 with an uncle, settling in Davenport, where she lived in the family of Andrew Hyde for eight years. Afterwards she lived in the family of R. VanEvera at Pleasant Valley for about six years and was married at that place on January 1, 1867, to C. I. Bruce. In March of that year they came to Grinnell and have lived here ever since, with the exception of two years spent in Tiskilwa, Ill. They formerly lived on a farm south of town and until about three years ago they moved to town and made their home at 713 East street, where Mrs. Bruce died on February 16 at ten-thirty p.m.

She was a woman of unusual health, never having known a sick day until about five years ago, but since that time she has been a great sufferer, though she bore her sufferings with patience and fortitude. She was converted while young and has been a faithful member of the Methodist church ever since. She was a generous giver to the poor and needy, especially to the Orphans' Homes, and never forgot her duties, financial and otherwise to her church. She contributed to the building of every church in this city excepting two.

During her illness everything that loving friends and relatives could do was done to lighten her sufferings and for these attentions she was deeply grateful. At her request the Rev. W. P. Stoddard, of Newton, her former pastor here, whose services were the last she was able to attend, conducted the funeral services, assisted by the Rev. Elias Handy. A quartette from the M. E. church, consisting of Mrs. G. M. Spooner, Mrs. C. W. Benson, Rev. E. Handy and W. V. Davies furnished music. The remains were interred at Hazelwood Cemetery.