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OBITUARY.

Mrs. C. W. H. Beyer.

Sarah Emma Angle (Beyer) was born in Yates, Orleans county, N. Y., and passed away at Victoria, British Columbia, on September 23, 1908, following a stroke of paralysis on August 16. When but sixteen years of age she taught school in the vicinity of her birthplace, from which place she moved, when a young woman, to Champaign, Illinois, the home of her eldest brother. Later she moved to Evanston, Illinois, teaching several years in the Evanston high school.

On January 29, 1869, she was united in marriage to Mr. C. W. H. Beyer at Evanston, where they resided till "Centennial year," when they moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., and the following year to this city, where Mr. Beyer began his successful business career as a banker and handler of mortgage loans. Here from the first she entered actively into the community life and she left the town richer for her having spent the major portion of her life in it.

The sadness which Mrs. Beyer's death causes is tinged for the writer by the joy with which he recalls and may write of her many exceptional qualities, just as the deep sadness of the lonely family is cheered by the sweet memory of the loyal woman who presided over the household so efficiently for many years.

As head of her beautiful home Mrs. Beyer found her highest pleasures in the administration of its duties, which to her were blessed privileges. To make its atmosphere one of brightness was her ambition and how well she achieved this ambition was always testified to by visitors in the home, who found there a loyalty, cheerfulness and cordiality that clung in memory long after they had passed out of its bright circle. Mrs. Beyer possessed that great if unsung virtue of household executive ability to a marked degree, but with it there went a simplicity and unselfishness that left her entirely unconscious of her own accomplishments and made a visit with her doubly enjoyable. Her home life was not one that shut itself up in complacent self-enjoyment, but it was one that found its own pleasure just in proportion as it extended cheer to others. The doors of her heart and home were always open to the visitor with a hospitality that could not be surpassed.

The writer recalls with pleasure the interest which she took in the neighborhood circle of his boyhood playmates sympathetically sharing their joys and their little sorrows. As the years went by and that little group grew to young manhood and young womanhood that same warm, personal interest followed then keeping her heart young and buoyant as that of the youngest. No one knows how many young people, especially those away from home, whose hearts longed for the welcome and comfort of home life, found cheer and renewed spirit as it radiated from her. And this, too, in spite of physical weakness and suffering during the more recent years! Such are sometimes the modest bene-

the four walls of home—they extended to anything whose tendency was elevating and whose influence was helpful. She was interested in Grinnell's betterment and in the days of her strength was a member of many organizations of church and town to which she gave generously of strength, time and means for the improvement of the town and for humanity's cause. She was for some years a valued member of the executive committee of the Iowa Branch of W. B. M. I. and was superintendent of children's work. In the social life of both town and College she took a prominent part commensurate with her large opportunities and talents.

From the first year of her residence here she was an active member of the Congregational church, teaching for many years in the Sunday school and taking part in its other activities till compelled to stop by failing health. She was also an officer in the Ladies' Public Improvement Association up to the time of her death, and was an honored member of "The Literary and Historical Club" and of "The Priscillas" of long standing.

But it is upon her relations to her family that the observer would fain dwell longest and yet turns aside in silence as a subject too delicate and sacred for public rehearsal. Suffice it to say that mother love and family devotion were exemplified in this home to a degree seldom seen and her loyalty reaped a rich reward in the devotion of husband, daughter and son. It was in one sense a particularly unkind fate for one who loved her home so well to be compelled to spend her last days among strangers. But it gave the others of the family circle a chance to show their devotion once more and this they did, Mr. Beyer and Miss Edith Beyer hardly leaving her

bedside during her weeks of illness and Mr. Harold L. Beyer hastening on a long journey to be present at her bedside and returning only when she seemed to be gaining.

Funeral services which were marked by a good taste that is unfortunately too often lacking on such occasions, were held at the late residence on Tuesday afternoon, September 29, conducted by the Rev. H. N. Dascomb, who delivered a very appropriate sermon, both scholarly and of a cheering philosophy. The house was filled with friends whose presence Dr. Dascomb allowed to speak as it did eloquently, of the virtues of the departed one. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers, but everything was done with a simplicity that was impressive and suggestive of the personal characteristics of Mrs. Beyer. The pall bearers were Professor Jesse Macy, Professor J. D. Stoops, Hon. J. P. Lyman, Dr. C. E. Harris, F. E. Spaulding and A. P. Haines.