

Mrs. Mary (Chapin) Childs was born in Medina county, Ohio, March 28, 1840, and died at her home in Grinnell, Friday, October 13. At the age of 23 she was united in marriage to C. F. Childs, and removed to Benzonia, Michigan. Four years later their home was changed to Durant, Iowa, where they resided until 1876. For the last twenty-three years the home of Mrs. Childs has been Grinnell—at first on a farm a few miles from the city, and then in town. Her life among us has been one of active service. Every worthy cause in church and community has been helped by her willing labor. She united with the Congregational church near her home at the age of 18, and has lived a devoted christian life ever since. She had great executive ability and was eminently practical in all matters connected with religious or benevolent work; and she also brought to all such interests an earnest, prayerful spirit which impressed us with the fact that all she did was done for the Master. She will be missed in all the activities of the church, and she will be missed even more by the sick and poor of the community. Mrs. Childs was one in a family of seven, four of whom survive her. She was the mother of five children, of whom two only have been spared to reach mature life, Arthur C. Childs and Ella V. Childs. The funeral services were held at the Congregational Church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. E. M. Vittum, after which her remains were interred in Hazelwood cemetery.

There were present from out of town to attend the funeral: Mrs. Childs' sister, Mrs. L. L. Kinsey of St. Louis; Mr. Childs' brother, William Childs of Creston, and two sisters, Mrs. P. Miller and Mrs. L. Brown of Mitchellville; and G. W. Gilbert, Mrs. J. H. Johnston and Miss Ethelyn Bronson of Marshalltown, cousins.

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