

Crosses To The Other Shore

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It is difficult to crowd into a brief sketch a full and true estimate of the lives of noble men and women. This may be said truly of Miss Rosa Hays, whose unexpected death was a great shock to her loved ones and many friends. Devoted to her family, loyal to her friends, faithful to her church and strong in her sense of right, her going leaves a place that will be hard to fill.

Miss Hays was born at the well known D. F. Hays home in Chester Township, and there spent her girlhood and young womanhood. At the age of ten years she united with the Sonora Methodist church and immediately began an active career of service to the church and Sunday School, that only ended in her death. For some time she was a teacher in the schools of the county, and gave up that work to care for her brother's little daughter when the mother slipped away to the better land. She thus became a "sister-mother" and right lovingly did she minister to the loved ones. She has also been the home-keeper for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hays, who are now past ninety years of age.

She will be most missed by those who knew her best in the home, but they will be comforted by the sweet fragrance of an unselfish and devoted life. In her work in the Sunday School at Grinnell, Miss Hays was very faithful and successful, both as a teacher and officer in the Primary Department. Here she had worked for more than 15 years, much of that time serving as secretary and treasurer of the department. Here again, her going will be most keenly felt by those who were her co-workers.

Miss Hays was an estimable woman and numbered her friends by the extent of her acquaintances. The immediate members of her family who mourn her decease are, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hays; three brothers, Jos. W. of Tulsa, Okla., Harvey G. and Charles W. of Grinnell; and one sister, Miss Grace Hays of Grinnell; and four nephews and three nieces, including Miss Lucile Hays, to whom Miss Rosa has meant so much.

Funeral services were held at the home, 1717 Sixth Ave., on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. George Blagg, assisted by the Rev. Ross Mills of Newton, who offered the prayer. The hymns, "Still, Still with Thee" and "Crossing the Bar," were sung by a quartet of young women from Grinnell College, composed of the Misses Margaret McCornack, Hope Huston, Rowena Hawley and Lydia Thiedeman, with Miss Margaret Jean Howell as pianist. The pall bearers were Messrs. E. E. Hays, Walter Neely, F. A. Regner, Floyd Hatcher, George Armentrout and D. M. Arnold. Burial was made in Hazelwood.