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OBITUARY.

Mrs. A. R. Heald.

From Maine to California is a wide space of territory. When one wishes to speak of the dimensions of our country, this expression conveys an idea of our continental magnitude. In that matter, whose lifeless body was before us, gave her hand in marriage to this bereaved husband, their bridal tour, begun the same day, embraced that distance. The journey was not made in a Pullman car in a few days. It was by a much longer and slower way—by way of the Panama route and by boat.

The husband had been there before and knew something of the mining country. He took his young and beautiful bride to a mining camp. She was a woman of resolute purpose and strong character. In a year she had become a mother. This wife and mother soon discovered that the land held and the camp of a miner was not a favorable place to rear a family of children. So firm was this conviction that a return trip was undertaken and they were once more in their native state of Maine.

The spirit of adventure was so strong in the husband, however, that he could not and did not rest content to dwell amid the rocks and hills and by the shores of Maine. He started out for the west, intending to go to Omaha or Minneapolis or somewhere. Shall we call it accident or Providence that so arranged that in his journey he met his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Hall, on their way to visit Mrs. Henry Sherman, who was their adopted daughter, then living in Chester. They readily persuaded Mr. Heald to come with them to Chester. It did not take him long to discover that they had led him to an ideal place, as he had indeed found the very garden spot of the world. He purchased land and built a house and soon, in 1867, the young family were living on a rich productive farm, among a people intelligent, enterprising and congenial.

Miss Julian Prentiss Howe was born in Paris Hill, Maine, July 27, 1843. Her mortal life ended January 21, 1909, in this city. Her girlhood was spent besides the rocks and hills and streams of rugged, picturesque Maine, where were developed in her an intense love of the beauties of nature and great delight in flowers and all growing things. She was married July 18, 1861, to Amasa Reed Heald, who had grown to manhood in the same county. As a family, living in Chester in this county, a Congregational church had been organized in 1862, and into this she was converted and at once became very active in every good work, serving for a time as president of the missionary society and leader of a boy's circle. She was willing to give her daughter for missionary service. In 1882 the family moved to Grinnell, to their present home. Here also she has been useful in helping the Y. W. C. A. and in many other ways.

She has had many trials but maintained her serene faith through them all. Four of her twelve children preceded her to the other land. She valued education highly and four of her family have graduated from Iowa college, another is now a student and two or three others have studied more or less in the institution.

In the closing days of her life she partook of a last communion with the emblems being brought to her bedside from the church by dear friends. Songs were sung, a passage from the Scriptures read and she selected the songs that were to be sung at her funeral services which she requested Professor Buck, her life-long friend and pastor while at Chester, to conduct, which he did, assisted by Rev. H. N. Dascomb, Saturday afternoon.

The pall bearers were Henry Sherman, D. S. Morrison, A. McIntosh, Professor Charles Noble, H. S. Bliss and C. F. Childs. Music was furnished at the house and at the grave by Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Dungan, Mrs. Luella Umbenhauer and Frederic Morrison. Professor Buck spoke tenderly of her good life and works and especially of her connections with the church in Chester and the inspiring faith and sublime peace with which she viewed the approaching end in spite of great physical suffering. She said that the whole story of her Christian life is told in Ephesians ii:8: "For by grace are ye saved, through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." She selected the following beautiful poem which was read at the services and expresses the philosophy of her beautiful Christian life:

Those who were present at the funeral were Ernest H. Heald of Anderson, Ind., George M. Heald of Chant, Mont., Herbert C. Heald of South Haven, Mich., and Mrs. Alice H. Wheeler and daughter, Julia, and Edward T. Heald of this city. Harry H. Heald of Belfry, Mont., and Walter Heald of Washington, D. C., were unable to be present but had recently visited their mother in her last illness.

A. R. Heald and family leave Chester this week to take up their permanent residence in Grinnell. Mr. and Mrs. Heald came to Chester from Maine fifteen years ago, and during all these years, have been intimately identified with the best interests of the township. Strong and well, they have taken an active interest in every worthy object, whether educational, moral or religious. Large hearted and benevolent they have given freely of their means, and in unnumbered ways befriended and aided the needy. Here seven of their children have been born, and the "Charlie" of the fiddlers in the cemetery. In order to be relieved of the wearing work necessarily involved in caring for a large farm, and also to educate their children, they now go to Grinnell, but their absence will be deeply felt in the circles in which they have moved.