

Last Services Are Held Friday For Mrs. Jesse Lord

November 19, 1937

Elizabeth Swanson Lincoln, only daughter of Robert and Christina S. Lincoln, was born December 23, 1894, on the farm west of Oak Grove, and passed away Wednesday, November 10, 1937, following a brief illness. She was the fourth child to gladden their home. There she lived with her parents and brothers until the fall of 1910 when the family moved to Grinnell. She entered the Grinnell schools and was graduated from high school with the class of 1914. She attended Grinnell College the following year.

On June 16, 1915, she was united in marriage with Jesse Lord. They moved immediately to their farm home south of Grinnell and their entire married life has been spent in the Westfield community. To this union three sons were born—Charles, who was graduated from high school in June of this year, Alfred, now in the freshman class of the high school, and Howard in the eighth grade.

Elizabeth, as she was familiarly known, was a birthright member of the Friends Meeting at Oak Grove where her father served as pastor for many years. She was converted at the age of ten and was active in the work of the church. When the family moved to Grinnell she moved her membership to the Grinnell Friends Meeting where it has since remained. Although a Friend by preference, she has given many years of devoted service to the community church at Westfield where she and her family have been faithful in attendance. Here she has served in many capacities—as teacher, as pianist, as member of the social committee, as president of the Ladies Aid, and in whatever ways she could. At the time of her death she was serving as Chairman of the Social Committee and had planned and helped with a social just a few days ago.

Soon after her marriage, Elizabeth joined the Westfield Grange, and in it she has been a faithful and active member. She has held various offices, and has often served as Lecturer to which difficult task she gave generously of her time and interest. She was recently reelected as Secretary, which position she has held for some time. She has also rendered helpful service in the County and State Granges where she often filled some office. For a number of years she has been a

loyal member of the W. C. T. U. of Grinnell.

Elizabeth was never too busy to help in community work and her death comes as a shock to all who knew her. Although she had been suffering from a bronchial cold for several weeks her condition had not been considered serious and she was able to come to Grinnell for treatment Wednesday morning. She had planned to return to her home later in the day but grew suddenly worse so was taken to the home of her parents where the end came about nine o'clock that evening. With her at the time were her husband and children, her parents, and others near to her.

Her home has been an open door to her many friends and relatives who will remember with appreciation her friendly hospitality. She will be missed most in her home where she was ever a loving and devoted wife and mother. Her children's interests were her interests and she was tireless in her efforts to make her home a happy place. She will be greatly missed by her parents to whom she has always been a devoted daughter, and by the many others to whom she has given so much of her time and interest, but her radiant spirit will live on in the lives of others.

"God put a song into my heart
one day,

A little song as light as ocean
foam,

A little song of love and hope and
home,

A little song to cheer me on the
way.

"And though I bowed beneath the
load I bore,

I found that when I sang the way
was bright,

And that my footsteps swifter
grew, and light—

And all my life seemed fairer
than before.

"And when I walk into the
twilight dim,
When stars are glowing in the
misty sky,
And when above the cedars, black
and high,
The moon shines, silver-sweet, and
young and slim—

"Still will I sing that song as
light as foam,
The song that God Himself has
given me—

And, oh, I know that I at last
shall see

His tender hand stretched out to
guide me Home!"

(Sangster)

Besides her husband and sons, Elizabeth leaves her parents, Reverend and Mrs. Robert Lincoln of Grinnell, three brothers, Edward E. and John R. of Grinnell, and Arthur H. of Missoula, Montana, eleven nieces and nephews, many other relatives, and hosts of friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 12, at 2:00 o'clock at the Westfield church, following a brief service at the Lincoln home in Grinnell. Wendell Hansen, pastor of the First Friends Meeting in Grinnell, had charge. Two selections, "The City Four-square," and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were sung by the quartette, Harvey Howell, Mabel McDowell, Bertelle and Wendell Hansen, accompanied by Mrs. Willis Evans. Pallbearers were Willis Evans, Harry Brown, Jacob Krumm, Fred McDowell, Charles Sutton, and William McDowell, Jr. The funeral was largely attended and the many beautiful floral pieces attested to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Relatives from a distance who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson of Oskaloosa, Mr. and Mrs. William Whelan and son Harry Carlstrom of Marshalltown, Mr. John Swanson of Forestburg, South Dakota, Mrs. Bruce Jones and son David of Pleasant Plain, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson of Newton.