A Grinnell Pioneer Woman Passes On

Mrs. Sarah Little Mack Dies at Middletown, Conn., After Life of Service To Grinnell.

Grinnell has been the home of many wonderful women. Some have surpassed in one line of endeavor and some in others. Among those who stand foremost in the minds of older residents of this city, the name of Mrs. S. E. Mack will always be held in highest memory. No one ever held a deeper devotion for this city and its people than she and none has given more of their time and their courage to advance its interests along lines of beauty and usefulness.

Mrs. Mack first came to Grinnell in 1888. In 1881 the family moved to Colorado and in 1887 they returned to this city and here she has claimed her residence for the last forty-two years. Mrs. Mack's great work for Grinnell was done in the period between 1887 and 1900. She was a friend of uniting nave. She worked and planned to build up the best interests of the city. She was one of the most devoted founders of the Ladies Cemetery Association. In her work in that organization as well as in the church and in social clubs none ever gave more freely of time and none ever worked with a more steadfast purpose to accomplish the end they sought.

She never overreached. Notwithstanding her courage and determination she was able to secure the interest and cooperation of all, because they had confidence in her judgment.

Those are some of the good things which can be said of one of the most devoted women this town has ever had in its citizenship. It seems to us that too much cannot be said for the high quality of her character and for her excellent leadership.

Notwithstanding her work for the community she was devoted to her family. She loved them with all the devotion of a mother's love and she taught them that Grinnell's interests were their interests and that duty lay along the line of accomplishing something for the good of the people among whom they lived.

Mrs. Mack was a musician. She loved music. Her daughters were musicians and Minnie Mack during her residence here, after she had become a graduate in music, gave most beautifully of her talent and her strength to entertain the city which was her home. She became a music teacher of wonderful power as well as a musician who ranked among the highest. Her death was a blow to her mother, but the gentle memory she left to her friends helped to overcome the force of her mother's great sorrow.

Mrs. Mack was not only a woman of intelligent leadership but after the death of her husband she showed that she had all the qualities of a successful business career.

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