

Ms **MARY PARKS PASSES
AWAY WEDNESDAY**

One of the Very Early Settlers of Grinnell Passed Away Wednesday Morning.

**CAME WITH FATHER TO
NEIGHBORHOOD IN 1856.**

Has Been a Member of Grinnell Congregational Church for Sixty-Six Years.

Miss Mary Dickerson Parks, who passed to her reward in heaven Wednesday morning, October 10, had been a loyal and helpful member of our community almost from the very beginning of its history. She was born at Victor, New York, to Philo and Phoebe Marham Parks on November first, 1843, the third in a family of five children. Seeking health and opportunity her father moved west with his family in 1856 and settled on a farm on the outskirts of Grinnell, having been attracted to this community by its educational and religious advantages. Miss Parks often recalled that when the family drove into town in the old Iowa City stage coach, she was first greeted by a tall girl, whom we all know now as Mrs. H. D. Works. Their first evening was spent at the prayer meeting which was led by Dr. Hojyoke.

In 1857 the Parks family united with the Congregational church, and for the past sixty-six years Miss Parks has been a faithful attendant and loyal member, always ready to give such Christian service as she has been able to give. She attended the public school and later was a student in Iowa College, to which her father had given forty acres of his Jasper County farm. She belonged to the famous class of '65 of which Mrs. R. M. Haines and Mr. Stephen Herdick were members. When her father died of consumption, and her two brothers, Henry and John, went away to war,

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