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OBITUARY.

9-21-1915

Mrs. F. W. Sprung.

Della A. Babcock was born in Verona, Ontario, Canada. She lived for some time in the home of the elder Mr. Sprung, as a trusted and beloved friend, cherished as a daughter of the family, and came with the family to Grinnell when they made their home here in 1908. On August 26, 1909, she became the wife of F. W. Sprung, and they lived together in perfect harmony and happiness till her death on September 16, 1915. Mrs. Sprung was a home maker and a home lover, whose life was a blessing to those near her.

Quite recently she had taken a motherless child to her arms, and was giving him a mother's care and affection, till death called her away. The funeral services were held at the home on Reed street, Saturday, September 18, at 2:00 p. m., conducted by Rev. Charles Noble. The Scripture selections spoke of the mystery and sadness of Death as it comes into all human lives, and of the assurance of immortality and the blessed hopes which the Christian faith carries into the darkness of the death hour. The thirty-ninth Psalm with its expression of the spirit of submission to the inevitable, "Lord teach me to know mine end and the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am;" the words of Jesus at the grave of Lazarus. "I am the resurrection and the life;" and the tender exhortation to the disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled: in my Father's house are many mansions;" the words of Paul in the second letter to the Corinthians, where he tells of "the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," and the vision in the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation of the great multitude who "Came out of the great tribulation; who have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb," and of whom it is written: "They shall hunger no more nor thirst any more, \*\*\* and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes." The words of the speaker closed with George Herbert's poem:

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