

10-28-1904
MRS. SARAH J. BAUM.

Sarah J. Silverwood was born in Millinburg, Union Co. Pa., May 23rd, 1823, and died in Grinnell, Iowa, Oct. 22nd 1904. Age 81 years, 4 months and 29 days.

She was united in marriage to Henry Baum on April 1st 1845. To this union were born two sons, James S. and William H., both of whom survive. After 18 years of married life, Mrs. Baum was called upon to pass through a severe affliction in the death of her husband which occurred in 1863. The widowed mother with her two sons came to Iowa in 1876, and settled at Grinnell, where they have resided since.

At an early age Mrs. Baum made a decision which affected her whole life, in determining that the religious side of her nature should be given due attention. In keeping with this decision she was led at an early age to unite with the German Reformed Church. On coming to Grinnell, she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and continued a faithful and devoted member of the same until her death. Naturally a woman of deep religious convictions, the passage of the years served to deepen these and to bring her into possession of a rich and satisfying experience.

Her energetic spirit led her to become increasingly active in church work, until failing health made it impossible to maintain her activities in a work so thoroughly congenial. When the condition of her health compelled her to forego the pleasure and profit of the public services, she was natur-

word of God. During the last few years her constant companions were the Bible and the Hymn book, for both of which she had a passion.

The strength and purity of her Christian character steadily increased. When the end came she was found ready and waiting. Like a child weary of play and with the calm confidence of a little child resting in its mother's arms she fell asleep in the presence of her children on the afternoon of Oct. 22nd. The funeral services were held at the residence Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. M. McClelland, assisted by Rev. E. M. Vittum. Interment was in Hazelwood.

We will ever hold in grateful remembrance the love, sympathy and assistance so freely extended to us during the sickness and death of our dear mother.

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