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MRS. MARTHA A. BROWN.

Martha Anna Thompson, the only daughter of Samuel and Rachel Thompson, was born in Danville, Vt., March 3, 1832. Like many of the most energetic New England girls, she was a teacher in early years, at which time Dr. E. W. Clark was her pupil. She resided in Lowell, Mass., for a time and was married to ~~Jeremiah Brown~~ on her birthday in 1859. After spending five years in St. Johnsbury, Vt., they came to the vicinity of Grinnell in the spring of 1865, where her husband died in 1885. Here she united with the Congregational church during the pastorate of Dr. Sturtevant.

Mrs. Brown was a woman of remarkable strength of purpose and of character, so devoted to her home and its interests that she was unwilling to be away from it except as something special attracted her. Her health was wonderful, interrupted by disease only for a time some thirty-five years ago.

During the last two months life ebbed quietly away, although she was able to be out of her bed till the very last day. Her life ended on the last last day of the old year, and on the first day of 1908 this devoted mother was borne out by four of her sons and by her near-friends to her burial. Her death was as quiet and peaceful as that of the old year.

Of her sons, George L., Walter E., and Harry E. reside here; C. E. Brown is at home in Sutherland, Neb., and E. S. Brown at Silverton, Oregon.

The funeral was conducted by Prof. C. F. Parker, and the music was furnished by Mrs. C. F. Childs, Miss Effie Wylie, Rev. G. R. Chambers and A. C. Harriman.