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Mrs. Miles Chafee.

Mrs. Miles Chafee, who has been failing gradually since the first of December passed away at 1:45 o'clock on Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Addie C. Walker, 927 High street. Mrs. Chafee would have been 87 years old had she lived until the second of next May. She had made her home in Grinnell since December of 1868 and was known and honored as one of Grinnell's noble women.

The funeral will be held from the home of Mrs. Walker at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Chafee's other daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Taylor, and daughter, Mrs. William Springer, both of Evanston, Ill. are here and the son, Charles M. Chafee, is expected tomorrow from Billings, Montana.

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Mrs. Miles Chafee

1827-1911

Caroline Elizabeth Miner (Mrs. Miles Chafee) was born in Fredonia, New York, May 2nd, 1827, the third of a family of six children, of whom she was the last survivor. During her early childhood the Miner family removed to Springville, New York, where most of her education was received. Miss Miner began teaching a country school on the day preceding her sixteenth birthday; and, afterward, studying from time to time in Springville Academy, she became a teacher in that institution. She was married in October 1847, to Miles Chafee, also of Springville, and the union lasted forty-four years. Mrs. Chafee's children, Mrs. Addie C. Walker of Grinnell, Mr. Charles Chafee of Billings, Mont., and Mrs. Charles Taylor of Evanston, Ill., are all living, and it has been their pleasure and privilege to make the last days of their parents as comfortable and as happy as possible. All three were present at Mrs. Chafee's funeral as was also Mrs. Taylor's daughter, Mrs. Springer of Evanston, Ill., who came to Grinnell some days before her grandmother's death, to help in caring for her. Mr. Chafee died in July, 1912, and since that time, Mrs. Chafee has been waiting with joyous expectancy for the summons to rejoin him.

During her life of nearly eighty-seven years, Mrs. Chafee has been interested in everything that makes for the welfare of humanity. She, with her husband, left New York for Wisconsin in 1855; and, in 1868, the family came to Grinnell attracted by the reputation of the new prairie town for interest in religious and educational matters. The fact that, on the first Sunday of their life in Grinnell, Mr. Chafee sought out the superintendent of the Congregationalist Sunday School and requested that he, with his wife and children, might be assigned to the classes to which they would naturally belong, was characteristic of their attitude toward all religious duties and opportunities.

Mrs. Chafee, though never physically strong, was always industrious both in her home and outside it. Her interests were never narrow or selfish. She was active in securing the

means for building the present place of worship of the Congregationalist church in Grinnell; and one of her last acts was the making of a provision for a contribution of one hundred dollars to help in the erection of the new Parish House, designed to extend still further the activities of her much-loved church.

Mrs. Chafee was eminently fitted to convey an idea of the results of the home and church training in one of the Christian pioneer families of our older states. In such a family, material gain and comfort were always secondary to spiritual and intellectual growth. Yet the thrift of such families always made it possible for them to contribute cheerfully and liberally to all worthy objects.

Until her failing powers of sight and hearing made it impossible, Mrs. Chafee was a diligent and interested reader of the religious and missionary periodicals, the better magazines, and the daily papers. Her interest was keen in everything that concerned the progress and development of humanity. She had generous sympathies, and always a ready thought for those in trouble of any kind.

A beautiful spirit has gone home, leaving to all who knew her a rich legacy in the memory of her life and character. In such a home-going there is no sadness; for we know she has "passed out into the Great Light."

Mrs. Chafee passed away peacefully, on January the twenty-second, and services in her memory were held at the Walker home on the afternoon of Sunday, January twenty-fifth. Miss Helen Adkins sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Doctor Marston, after reading several passages of Scripture, spoke in most comforting fashion of the one who has gone, reading also a letter of appreciation from Dr. Edward A. Steiner, whose habit it has been during the past year or more, to visit Mrs. Chafee in the evening for a brief evening prayer-service; after the prayer by Doctor Marston, a quartette consisting of Miss Stella Bartlett, Miss Floy Korns, Mr. Fred Morrison, and Dr. E. E. Harris, sang "At Evening Time Let There Be Light."

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Dawley, Work, David Morrison, Aldace Child, Peoley and C. E. Ricker.

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