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—Mrs. Hannah E. (Hibbard) Child, whose earthly life closed last Tuesday, September 2, was one of the large number of our citizens who came from Bath, N. H., where she was born. From Bath came the Bartletts, Sutherlands, Morrisons and Hibbards, at the very beginning of our town. The Walkers and Jonathan Child's family followed, and Mr. Dudley Child and wife arrived here in 1885. The last two were born in Bath and resided there over sixty years. Mrs. Child was born March 8, 1821, and was married December 22, 1842. They had New England training, energy and self-reliance, and entered upon their united lives to do their relative share of life's work with mutual trust and fidelity. The survivor is happy in the memory of the life so begun, but that memory intensifies the sadness of separation. Mrs. Child was eminently a keeper at home and a keeper of the home. As oldest of thirteen children, of whom five are living, she early learned all ways of helpfulness which made her in great demand in all emergencies and the welcome mistress of the house of her parents-in-law on the very day of her marriage. In Grinnell she entered into the activities of her sisters in the Congregational church according to her ability. Her last eight years were rheumatic and often full of pain. Two of her six children survive her. Her eighty-one years of life have left fragrant memories. The funeral services were held this morning at the house, Professor Parker officiating.

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