

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1911.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. S. A. Cravath.

May Raley was born Sept. 16, 1836, at Hanoverton, Ohio. She received her preparatory education at the Friends' School, Mt. Pleasant, in the same state, and then entered Oberlin College. Mr. Cravath, Professor and Mrs. Buck were her classmates there and Professor Parker, the late Mrs. Parker, Col. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper were connected with the College at the same time. She received the degree of A. B. in 1858. For three years after graduation she was Lady Principal of Madison Seminary, Madison, Ohio, of which Mr. Cravath was Principal. She was married to her classmate and associate in the teaching profession, Mr. S. A. Cravath, July 11, 1860, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by Rev. Albert Barnes. She continued teaching, as principal of the High School at Marion, Ohio, her husband being Superintendent of Schools. In the meantime Mr. Cravath was pursuing his medical studies, and in 1863 began the practice of that profession, at Springfield, Ohio. In 1865 they moved to Mitchell, Mitchell County, Iowa, and seven years after, in 1872, to Grinnell, which has been their home ever since.

Mrs. Cravath was born in the communion of the Friends church. Her marriage to one not a member of the communion led to her transferring her relationship to the Congregational fellowship. In 1877, she and her husband joined the Grinnell church by letter from the church at Mitchell, and for thirty-four years she has been a faithful, useful and honored member of that church.

Mrs. Cravath lost two children in infancy. Her son, James, her daughter by adoption, Ella Bonsall, and her niece, who has been like a daughter to her, Mrs. G. H. Hamlin, survive her. She has also given a motherly care to her nephews, in their college life in Grinnell. From 1880 to 1896 Mrs. Cravath served the Congregational church as deaconess; and in the earlier years of her life in Grinnell she was active in social affairs. Of late

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While she was essentially domestic in her tastes and gave to her family her most loving and solicitous care, in her younger days she took an active part in social and public events. It was a great sorrow to her that of late years her frail health has compelled her to a life of comparative retirement. In July last Dr. and Mrs. Cravath celebrated their jubilee wedding by a nap-

per journey among old friends and the scenes of earlier days.

She had a steadfast faith and an abiding trust in her Heavenly Father. Her entire submission to Him is beautifully expressed in the following lines from her journal on the death of her first child:

"Father, we *will* be comforted!
Thou wast the gracious giver.
We yield her up, not dead, not dead!
To dwell with thee forever.
Take thou our child—ours for a day,
Thine while the ages blossom.
This little shining bead we lay
In the Redeemer's bosom."

There are few homes where the wife and mother held a larger place,—loving and being loved.

In the early morning of Saturday, Feb. 25, 1911, in the seventy-fifth year of her age, Mrs. Cravath passed peacefully into the other life.

The funeral was held at the family residence, Feb. 27. It was conducted by Prof. Chas. Noble, a long-time friend of the family.

Members of the official board of the Merchants' National Bank acted as pall bearers, and the bank was closed during the services.