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CATHARINE BROWNIE ~~TALBOTT~~ FLOOK

Catharine Brownlie was born at Long Grove, Iowa, May 26, 1814. She was married to John A. Flook, October 31, 1867. To this union were born two children—James, who died in 1881, and Mrs. A. D. Talbott, who resides in Grinnell. Mr. and Mrs. Flook lived near Brooklyn till 1892, when they moved to Grinnell. Mrs. Flook died at Davenport, Oct. 29, 1909. She leaves her husband and daughter, Mrs. A. D. Talbott, two brothers, R. K. and A. W. Brownlie and an adopted daughter, Ruth Calderwood.

The funeral services were held at their Grinnell home Sunday afternoon. Professor J. D. Stoops, Rev. H. N. Dascom and Stephen Epler of Brooklyn officiating.

Mrs. Flook was an unselfish, thoughtful and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was absolutely untiring in her devotion to her family. Her home was the centre of her life. She believed that woman's chief sphere was her domestic life. The health and comfort of her husband and the growth and development of her children and grandchildren were everything to this wife and mother. Her home was a constant rallying place for the happy grandchildren on their way to school.

But her interests were not limited to the four walls of her house. The beautiful mound of flowers in the cor-

ner of the room where her body rested for the last time on Sunday, expressed the community's appreciation of her life and service. She enjoyed visits from her friends. She was a mother to the sick. She had rare tact in helping those in need. She was equally interested in home and foreign missions. Mrs. Flook had profound religious convictions; religion was not merely one of her interests; it was the center of her life. Her life had a religious background for her father preached for half a century in Long Grove, having built with his own hands the first log meeting place. The last visit of her life was made to the recent centennial of her own denomination at Pittsburg. She loved her church and her bible as her own soul. She cultivated an intelligent understanding of the teaching of Christ. But with her own strong personal convictions she was sympathetic toward the convictions of others. The memory of her profound religious life, her genuine sympathy for others, her motherly devotion to her home and her sincerity and honesty of character will not pass away, but will live to make the world better.