

An Obituary Of Mrs. Clara Gray

Mrs. Clara Gray passed away Jan. 23, at 3 P. M. at her home at Blue Point, after several weeks' of illness. She was born in the vicinity of Blue Point, and has lived there from childhood. She was 57 years, 4 months and 8 days old when she was called to her reward.

Mrs. Gray was converted at the age of 17 and 5 years later she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church of which she was a faithful member. She was united in marriage to Silas Gray, June 25, 1893; to this union there were born four children, one having died in infancy.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 3 brothers and 4 sisters besides a host of friends who shall greatly miss her. They are as follows: Silas Gray, Farrell Gray, Robert Gray, Addie Gray; brothers, Mr. O. S. Spilman of Lincoln, Nebr.; Mr. Nels Spilman of Eagle Lake, Texas, Mr. Terry Spilman of Minneapolis, Minn.; sisters, Mrs. Alice Rivers in California; Mrs. Flora Rivers of Monroe, Iowa; Mrs. Lois Tish of Blue Point, Iowa; Mrs. Addie Beeler of Hugo, Colorado.

We heartily sympathize with the family and brothers, sisters, and relatives, and pray that God may assuage the grief which must be theirs in this dark hour. May His grace be sufficient for them in this desolate experience. For all human sympathy is inadequate in such an hour; God alone can bring the comfort and help which soothes and heals the broken hearts. "There will be a vacant chair," but

Christ has promised to be Father, Mother, Sister and Brother to us.

The friends and relatives gathered at the house where a short service was held, then accompanied the remains to the church, where a large number had gathered to show their last respects to the departed. Two songs were sung, after which Scripture selections from Matt. 25: 31-46 and Rev. 20: 11-15; 21: 1-3 were read and the sermon followed. The mixed quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Parish, Mrs. Jacobs and Mr. Gerard sang "The City Four Square." The benediction was pronounced and the remains were taken to the Blue Point cemetery. The service for the burial of the dead was read; then another song was sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by the pastor officiating at the service.

