

DEATH OF MRS. DR. HARRIS.

Another of the earliest citizens of Grinnell, has just joined the majority in the Unseen. Mrs. Dr. Rachel H. Harris was numbered among the departed on Wednesday morning, the 28th inst., near the dawn of a new day.

From her earliest home in Washington, Pa., she came to Iowa some thirty-six years ago, and to Grinnell two years later, with her husband, Dr. J. H. Harris. Since then she has resided two years in Newton, one year in New York, as a student of medicine, and one year in New Orleans, sharing then a part of her husband's five years of medical and educational service during the civil war. With these brief exceptions her home has been in Grinnell since 1855.

While in the south she entered the Freedmen's Bureau as a teacher in the Orphan's Asylum. She and her husband were specially interested in all those ex-slaves as they had long been interested in the slaves when such interest was not very common or very popular, when it cost something, indeed, to be known as an "abolitionist." They secured a home here for Emma Morgan, and brought James Jenkins to Grinnell advantages. Some will remember both of these.

Here was a happy home, and she was the ever-present center of it, love and cheerful service. The glow of her kindly presence was felt beyond her home, and especially in the sick-room. It was a joy to many when she added medical knowledge to her other accomplishments, and thus united in herself, the good physician and the good nurse.

Her last two years of physical suffering brought out filial and family exhibitions of grateful love, as night brings out the stars. They have brought her, too, consciously face to face with the next world. Looking on it thus she has calmly made arrangements for leaving this. At the very last she became aware of the hastening end and seemed conscious well toward the close. Directions for her comfort were hinted, good-byes were uttered, a specially grateful recognition of the son who had been constant in the care of her helpless hours was given, and her soul passed on and up as the music of her favorite hymns was gently rising.

Formerly a member of the Congregational church, later of the Universalist, she passed out of life as she had passed through so much of it, resting calmly on the Christian's Rock. Her life was sweet, and beautiful, and useful; her death was like her life, worthily Christian. *

Dr. Rachel Hanlin Harris

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Rachel Hanlin Harris
d. 8-28-89. To Grinnell
1855. With husband to
New York one year med-
ical college later to
Chicago college. One
year New Orleans,
sharing husband's 5
year medical service
during Civil War.
While in South entered
Freedman's Bureau as
teacher orphan asylum.

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