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—The death last Thursday of Mrs. Charlotte Matthews Hillyer removes one of the best known of the older of our citizens. She was born in Orange, New Jersey, in 1811, and so was 84 years old. In 1831, she was married to A. E. Hillyer, and in 1868, they came to Grinnell with two boys, the only ones living of the nine born to them. One of these, James, died a few years ago. His widow, Mrs. Jas. Hillyer, and her son, Mr. Frank Hillyer, were present at the funeral Saturday. Rev. W. P. Hillyer, the only living descendant of Burlington, Kas., was also present. Rev. Hillyer founded the Herald soon after arriving here. At that time Mrs. Hillyer was very prominent in church work, but she continued to be until advancing years made it impossible for her to attend longer to its duties. The funeral occurred Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum, assisted by Elder Brande, the latter having been long an intimate friend of Mr. and Mrs. Hillyer. The singing was by Messrs. Walker and Little, Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Vittum. The bearers were C. E. Childs, J. K. James, W. W. Sargent, H. D. Works and Frank Wyatt, all old time citizens of the place. Those who knew Mrs. Hillyer before she became enfeebled by age bear witness to the earnestness and devotion of her Christian life. All the outward forms of worship and the quiet exercise of secret prayer were very dear to her.