

## Death of Miss Mary Alice Hostetter

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Mary Alice Hostetter was born at New Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1849, one of a family of nine children. In 1856 her father moved to Iowa, locating in Iowa county. In the early seventies, with two sisters, Miss Hostetter moved to Grinnell, where all made their home nearly all the years until the death of each one, altho at one time they spent several years in California.

The Hostetter family were of strong, rugged, earnest Christian character, and the deceased woman lived a faithful Christian life, womanly and retiring in all her ways. Aside from her occupation as a dressmaker, she was a good many years an employe of The Herald, where her work was carefully and faithfully done. She had many friends among Grinnell's

good people, who remained friends to the end because they recognized in her a kindred spirit in striving for the best in community character.

Physical misfortunes came to her during the later years of her life, incapacitating her for active duty, and yet until the final stroke, about ten days before her death, she retained a broad and keen interest in town and state affairs—yet weakened as she was she had often expressed a readiness to go when the Master called.

Her death came Thanksgiving morning at 4:20 o'clock, Nov. 29. The funeral was held at the Hostetter home Friday at 2:30 o'clock.

Present from away were George Morse of Marion, Miss J. May Hostetter of Atkinson, Neb.; Mrs. B. F. Nichols of Marshalltown, and Mrs. W. Z. Allen of Piper City, Ill.