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Mrs. Henry Lawrence (Gage).

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The little daughter who was born into the family of Capt. Clark in Searsport, Me., on Independence Day, 1845, was named Abbie Crilla. The entire family arrived here in 1851 and were closely connected with the town in every stage of its development. One of her sisters was the wife of Dr. T. Holyoke, who was one of the three who selected the site of Grinnell. Another sister, two years younger than herself, was always her close companion until she became the wife of James Irving Manatt, who was made Chancellor of Nebraska University, then American Consul in Athens, and is now a professor in Brown University. One representative only of that early family, a brother, remains with us.

An impediment in her speech lessened Abbie's enjoyment of social life during her early years and still later, but never destroyed it. Her sweet disposition made her welcome always and everywhere. A generous sympathy compelled associates to save her from all possible pain in school, in college, and in all relations.

Henry Lawrence, who had learned to love her by intimate association from the organization of the town, became her husband some twenty-five years ago. Their eight children, with one exception, survive them both, and cherish tender memories of their wise and gracious service.

It was a dark cloud that shadowed the family in 1891 when the mother's reason was so far obscured that removal to Mt. Pleasant became necessary. Although she retained the ability to recognize her relatives even to the very last day of her life when she called her eldest daughter by name as she entered her room, the best of earthly life ended six years before she ceased to breathe on Tuesday last. For her, death was emancipation from earthly limitations, a freedom of speech all unknown before, a mental vision restored and glorified. It was "gain to die."

The funeral services were held at home of the family yesterday conducted by Mr. Vittum and Prof. Parker, a home where courage and character honor the memories of both parents.