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Mrs. Agnes McIlrath.

Agnes Wiley was born in Bally Watermoy, County Antrim, Ireland, May 10, 1847, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Wornick, Geddes, S. D., Feb. 23, 1915, at the age of 67 years, 9 months and 13 days.

Early in life she came to America and located at Davenport, and on December 24, 1870, was united in marriage to Nathaniel H. McIlrath, who departed this life November 29, 1881.

Soon after their marriage they moved to a farm in this community known now as the James McIlrath farm.

To this union were born six children, two sons and four daughters: J. L. McIlrath, of Grinnell, Mrs. Ella Wornick, of Geddes, S. D., Mrs. Margaret Creamer of Merville, S. D., Mrs. Anna Shultz who departed this life February 26, 1906, Mrs. Agnes Bennett, of Covina, Cal., and N. H. McIlrath, of Hartwick, Iowa.

After moving to this section of the state she united with the Presbyterian church of Brooklyn and in 1882 took her membership to the Congregational church of Hartwick where she remained a faithful and consistent member until God chose to call her from the church "Militant" to the church "Triumphant."

She ever considered it her high privilege to serve her church in every way possible. For about 30 years she gave her services as teacher of the infant class in the Sunday school, two generations having felt the influence of her life in the same class.

For fifteen years she served as president of the Ladies' Aid Society and with equal diligence served the Christian Endeavor Society, being one of its charter members.

She could rightfully say with the Psalmist, "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

She was a faithful and loving wife and mother, always ready to minister to those dependent upon her.

Being left with the care of the family early in life she gave herself to the task, and aside from home cares she found time for the service of her Master.

She leaves to mourn her departure beside those of her immediate family, twenty-six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, four brothers, four sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Congregational church in Hartwick Friday, February 26, at one o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Waudby, and interment was made in the Hartwick cemetery.

Those from a distance to attend the funeral were: J. L. McIlrath and family, Mrs. J. Korn, Hugh McIlrath, and James Paul, of Grinnell; Mrs. W. Ervin, of Concord, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wiley, of Belle Plaine, R. F. Lavender, of Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wornick, of Geddes, S. D.

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