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Mary Agnes Norton was born at Seaghtleeke, New York, January 6, 1851. In her early childhood the family moved to Iowa, and her home was for some years at Ladora, in this state. While there she became a member of the Presbyterian Church. In 1888 she, with her sister, Miss Sarah D. Norton, came to Grinnell; and for twenty-seven years their home has been in the house so well known to successive generations of College students, in Fifth Avenue. Almost always during these years the sisters have carried on a boarding club for the College boys. When there was a dining table for the athletes it was here; and the little house on Fifth Avenue will be remembered as a home by very many of the graduates and former students of Grinnell. Quiet, and sturdy, Mrs. Mary Norton has lived the Christian life of service to others. She entered with the Congregational Church here in 1899, and has been a faithful member of that Church for the last twenty-five years.

She died of pneumonia on Friday, April 23rd. The funeral services were held at the home, 1614 Fifth Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, April 25th, conducted by Rev. Charles Noble. The casket was taken on Monday to Ladona.

Of the immediate family, Miss Sarah D. Norton, her sister, and a brother, Mr. George W. Norton, of Cedar Rapids with his wife and daughter, were present at the funeral. Another brother, Mr. Edgar D. Norton, resides in Seattle, Washington, and was not able to be present.