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MRS. M. C. PARISH. 1871-1919.
Flavilla V. Ensminger was born at Union City, Ohio, February 3, 1871, of parents who were of the pure American stock, descended from the Dutch colonists who were among the earliest of those who settled the states of New York and Pennsylvania. In 1891 the family came to Iowa, making their first home on a farm near Hudson, in Tama County. For two years, 1892-94, they resided in Tama City. In 1895 the family moved to Grinnell and resided here until 1899. Miss Ensminger's education was in the schools of Tama County and Tama City, with a short period, 1894-95, in Grinnell College. During the twenty years from 1876 to 1896 she was almost constantly engaged in teaching in the schools of Tama and Poweshiek Counties. In 1878, while teaching in that neighborhood, she united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Sonora. In 1896 she was married to Mr. M. C. Parish, and for the next eight years her home was on a farm in the town of Chester. Later, after a year in Colorado, the family home was for a few years in Toledo, and during this period, in 1905, she joined the United Brethren Church in that town from which church she never removed her membership. Since 1908 her home has been in Grinnell in the house where she died. During all these years of her married life she has been a true home maker for her

husband and for those of his children who had not yet made their own homes, and a loving grandmother to the many little ones of the family connection.

She enjoyed good health and kept up an active and vigorous life during all these years, until March, 1919, when the trouble which ended her earthly activity first showed itself. A surgical operation at the famous hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, failed to effect a cure; and months of distressing illness and suffering have followed. She bore all with great patience and cheerfulness, making a brave fight against the inevitable, until death mercifully gave her release from pain and weakness on the evening of Wednesday, September 3, 1919. The funeral services were held at the home in Grinnell, Friday, September 5, at two p. m., conducted by Professor Charles Noble. The burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Parish is survived by three brothers, K. J. Ensminger, of Bainbridge, Ohio; M. P. Ensminger, of Alameda, Calif.; and Charles Ensminger, of Joliet, Illinois, and two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Norris, of La Salle, Colorado, and Miss Clara Ensminger, of Greeley, Colorado. Besides the husband and his daughter, Rena, who with the sister, Miss Clara Ensminger, have tenderly cared for her during the months of suffering, her memory will be precious to the children and grandchildren of Mr. Parish to whom she, for twenty-three years, has stood in the place of mother and grandmother, and to many friends and neighbors who have known and valued her qualities as a good woman and a kindly, helpful comrade in life.