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MARY ELIZABETH PATTEN.

nb Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Patten was born in Scott County, Iowa, June 12, 1841. When a mere babe her parents moved to Jasper county, where her father soon after died. Later the family removed to Newton and in 1853 to Council Bluffs. Here where the ten last years of her life were spent the circle of her friends was only limited by her acquaintances, for the cheerfulness of her disposition and her kind, thoughtful, ostentatious, thoughtfulness for others made her cordially welcome all times. As a true christian young woman none more nearly exemplified her Master's teachings than she, at every where, whether in Sunday school, the social club, or in her home her life was given to add joy, cheer and comfort to those about her. She lived a life so pure and gentle and sweet that her influence was always helpful to those about her.

The memory of her life will always be sweet to her friends who knew her as a bright, cheerful, helpful young woman, pure in heart and earnest in purpose, always giving the best that was in her to make others happy. Her kindness was never more noticeable than in her last long illness, when though weak from pain and suffering she was always mindful of others' comfort and spared no effort to save inconvenience to them.

Her death occurred early Friday morning. The funeral was held at the house Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock conducted by Rev. E. M. Virtum assisted by Professor Noble. The casket and room were fragrant with flowers, the gifts of friends.

The lady was taken Monday to Colfax and interred by the side of her father, Prof. Noble conducting a light service at the grave. 5-19-23