

MATILDA GRANT BROWN-PEARCE.

The death angel bore away the wife and mother from the home of Mr. C. W. Pearce on the 27th inst. She was the daughter of John Brown and was born in Castle Carlo, Somersetshire, England, Oct. 28, 1808. The father brought his family to Wisconsin in 1852, and from there to Grinnell, in 1854, six months after this town site was chosen. He always loved to recall the happy welcome they all received from the few people here, and from the town bell, on his arrival, when his daughter Matilda was nearly fourteen years old. No family that did not locate in the town at once ever seemed quite so near to all here as did that one from Old England. They located in what is now Washington township and co-operated as heartily with Grinnell and as cordially as if actually residing here.

Matilda became Mrs. Pearce, Jan'y 12, 1864. Their residence was a few miles south of town until a few years ago when they removed to town. She has been an invalid, a courageously patient one, during the last ten or twelve years. Three winters' residence in California brought some temporary relief only. Her general ill health, and frequent inability to converse, robbed her of much social pleasure. She has long been a member of the Congregational church here, and one of whom those who knew her best say that "too much good can not be said of her." In her days and weeks of increasing weakness she took great pleasure especially in the assurance of blessing which she found in the twenty-seventh and ninety-first Psalms. It was fitting that the bearers should be taken from her own family who loved her very tenderly, from her sons and sons-in-law.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at her late residence, where Professors Buck and Parker officiated. The burial was in Westfield cemetery. Music was furnished by a quartet consisting of Mrs. Umbenhauer, Miss Stella Bartlett, A. C. Huffman and Frederick Morrison.

Her husband and eight grandchildren survive her. Five of her seven children (George G., Frank H., Settie J., Mrs. Nemie M. Rutherford, and Mae C.) reside in or near Grinnell. She leaves four sisters, also, and one brother in this city, and another in the state of Washington.

(C. W.)