

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1909.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. CAROLINE PARSEY-PETTIT.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Pettit had a tendency to nervous prostration, followed by a slight injury to her hand, one too slight to be noticed, which resulted in blood poisoning. Grave apprehensions filled a few days, then confidence of a restoration to health was cherished, followed by five days of great suffering and death on the 26th inst.

Her earthly life began April 10, 1855, near Wheeling, West Virginia. She was brought with her family to Van Buren county, Iowa, and was married to Mr. Samuel W. Pettit near Keosauqua, on her nineteenth birthday, April 10, 1873. Their home has been in Grinnell during the last thirty years. She cooperated with the ladies here in various activities and made numerous friends especially among those of the Congregational church, of which she was a member, but her main efforts were devoted to the home, to promote the happiness of her husband and their five children. The young ladies who were admitted into her home found a place in her heart also, and won her grateful memory and affection in return for her maternal kindness, and these were among the best of the College students. She was especially anxious for the education of her children and was happy in promoting it by strenuous effort. She was delighted in return by their loving gratitude and by their successful diligence. Maude is now a professional nurse. Olga, the wife of Mr. Frank M. Chaiken, lecturer and manager of a lecture bureau in Chicago; Mary, a teacher of domestic science in Lockport, Ill.; Ethel, the wife of Mr. Laird Woodford, a young farmer in Chester; and Carl, a freshman in the college.

These, with her husband and her brother from Keosauqua, were present at the funeral, which was conducted by Professor L. F. Parker at her late home on the 28th inst. A quartet sang "Gods With Me," and Miss Margaret Christian sang "Crossing the Bar," one of her favorite songs which Mrs. Pettit was a Christian and often sung for her.

The members of the family feel sincerely grateful for the loving sympathy and the assistance given them by their friends during these days of sadness and bereavement.

Samuel W.