

Mrs. L. C. Phelps
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—Mrs. Junietta (Cook) Phelps was born in New Haven, Vermont, April 30, 1813, where she was married January 1, 1839; thus the day of her burial was the fifty-eighth anniversary of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps sought a western home first in Wisconsin in 1851. After remaining in that state three years, they were induced, through the influence of their former neighbor, Mr. J. B. Grinnell, to come to this new settlement, where they arrived in 1854. Here they built up a home which became one of the most powerful influences in the making of Grinnell. The home over which Mrs. Phelps presided was a center of social, intellectual and religious influence. In her home the Grinnell Congregational Church was organized. Three months after the organization, she became a member and retained her membership up to the time of her death. Her life in Grinnell was unobtrusive, but useful in the highest degree. She was neighborly when neighbors were few; helpful when many were weak; hopeful when others were discouraged; happy in the midst of trying experiences. She gave freely of her substance and her labor to strengthen every good work, especially in the building up of this church; and she remained a comfort to her children far beyond the ordinary age of man. About ten years ago she removed to Chicago, where she died last Wednesday, aged 83 years and 8 months. The burial was in Hazelwood, the funeral services being held at the Stone Church, Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Prof. L. F. Parker, an old time family friend, conducted the service, speaking fittingly of the useful Christian life of the deceased. Former friends and neighbors sang songs of praise in the triumph of a Christian life, and loving hands tenderly laid the body at rest by the side of her late husband. Children present from Chicago were L. A. Phelps, Loyal C. Phelps and B. B. Phelps.