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MRS. MARY PLUM
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Charles W.
Mary Frances Kelly Plum, the eldest child of Martha Hotchin Kelly and John Kelly, was born in Rock Creek Township April 15, 1881. She attended the Grinnell rural schools. While a young girl in her late teens, she mastered the dress seamstress trade and performed her chosen work for many years in and around the Grinnell community where she won the admiration and respect of her many clients.

On June 6, 1917, she was united in marriage to the late Charles W. Plum who preceded her in death in June, 1951. To this union five children Martha, Isabelle, Charles, Regina and Theresa were born. Theresa died at the age of three years. Her four surviving children are Grinnell High School and Grinnell College Graduates.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Plum left Grinnell to make her home with her daughters, Isabelle and Regina, in Iowa City. In July of this year she suffered a stroke at the home of her daughter, Regina Rettenmaier, who now lives in Kansas City, Kansas. Two weeks later on August 3 she passed away at Providence hospital in that city.

Surviving to mourn the loss are her four children Mrs. Martha Kearney, Jefferson, Iowa; Miss Isabelle Plum, Iowa City, Iowa; Mr. Charles Plum, Lynn, Massachusetts; Mrs. Regina Rettenmaier, Kansas City, Kansas; two grandchildren; one brother, Mr. Charles W. Kelly, Grinnell; two sisters, Mrs. Martin Schwab, LaSalle, Illinois; Mrs. William Cavanaugh, Montezuma, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.