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MRS. MELLIE WADSWORTH RUFF

Mrs. Ruff was born in Great Bend, N. Y., August 28, 1846. She was married at an early age, and became the mother of two sons, the elder of whom, Mr. Jay W. Monroe, resides in Grinnell. In 1874 she contracted a second marriage with Benjamin V. Ruff. From this union three children were born, two of whom are living, Mrs. H. D. Hockinbury of Des Moines, and Miss Jeanette Ruff of Grinnell.

Ten years ago Mr. and Mrs. Ruff left their farm in Malcom and became residents of Grinnell. During her residence among us Mrs. Ruff has been loved by all who knew her. She was a good neighbor as well as homemaker. Her character was strong and pure. She loved her fellowmen in a practical way, and she loved God with a faith strong enough to sustain her own soul and to aid her in sustaining others. For six years she was a deaconess in the Congregational church of Grinnell, and in that capacity, was most faithful and helpful to many who were in need of sympathy or material assistance. About four years ago it was found that a painful disease had fixed itself upon her system and since then she has been a great sufferer. Every means which the best medical experts could suggest has been tried for her relief, but no permanent cure was obtained. At first with cheerfulness and hope and later with patience and resignation, she has endured this great suffering. She was a rare woman; her life on earth has been a blessing to

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