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Mrs. Hester Bidon Clifford-Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clifford removed from near London, Eng., in 1843, to Oneida, Ill. Of their ten children Hester Bidon began life in Oneida March 10, 1848, and that event was celebrated thirty-two years later by her marriage to Mr. D. Albert Sanders in Grinnell.

Her twenty-eight useful years in Grinnell displayed a cordial, humane and Christian interest in persons of all conditions and climes, although the pressure of home duties and privileges largely specialized her efforts for her family. Few, if any, ever felt such a masterful interest in promoting all that was best in the minds and hearts of their children, or gave more constant or self-sacrificing care to a husband than did she when such care was so essential. She was always happy in such service, and always happy in its results.

When near the end a friend spoke of her devotion to her family. Her eyes brightened quickly and the glad response came back: "And it has paid."

During the last year her health failed somewhat steadily, and during the last few months the end seemed certain. She appreciated the condition. On one occasion she said to a friend: "I do not expect to get well, but all is peace."

She leaves behind her an invalid husband and three daughters who can never cease to cherish her memory or to be grateful for the active sympathy of friends during all their saddest hours.

A sister, Mrs. George Barnett, of Galesburg, Ill., was with her during her last days and at the funeral on the 29th inst., which was conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. N. Dascomb, assisted by Professor Parker. A quartette consisting of Miss Helen Thomson, Miss Stella Bartlett, Frank Morrison and Geo. H. Walker, sang two selections. The pall bearers were Messrs. H. B. Westlake, F. S. Edge, A. J. Neely, A. A. Foster, I. S. Bailey and John Goodfellow.

March 18, 1880

David Albert