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MARY LAURETTE SANDERS

Mary Laurette Sanders, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanders was born in Montezuma, Ia., December 15 1894.

In June, 1903, when nine years of age she moved with her parents to Grinnell. Here she spent her happy childhood and graduated from the Grinnell high school with the class of 1913. Three years were spent in Grinnell College when she entered the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago for Nurse's Training course, graduating in 1920. Her proficiency attracted the attention of those looking for responsible hospital service and she was chosen assistant superintendent of the Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago. Later she was offered and accepted a position in the Presbyterian Hospital where her faithfulness and reliability during days of training, had commended her to the authorities. An attack of influenza left her so physically weakened that she was compelled to resign this position and come home for rest and recuperation. No alarm was felt. Her condition seemed to warrant hope for an early recovery. The doctors gave encouragement and she was happy in thoughts and large plans for future service in the profession in which her heart was so much interested. But the thread by which she held to life was more slender and frailer than anyone knew.

Very suddenly in the night of Sunday, April 23 that beautiful soul slipped away to the home that is the palace of God.

The twelve weeks of her last sojourn in her parental home are very sweet with the fragrance of her flowering life of virtue.

In the days of her infancy faithful parental care presented her life to God and the church and she was baptized by the Rev. A. B. Hightshoe.

After coming to Grinnell she chose to follow the way of light and life to which she had been led and joined the Methodist Episcopal church Dec. 13, 1914.

She lived a beautiful and inspiring life.

In death her dust rests beside the ashes of a baby sister in God's acre at Montezuma and the home that knew her so affectionately will rest in the peace of a great love that embraces all mankind.