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MARY TERRELL SOPHER

Mary, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Steddom) Terrell was born near Lebanon, Ohio, January 1, 1857.

On October 6, 1875 she was united in marriage with Joseph Sopher, at Oskaloosa, Iowa. To this union, five sons were born, Raymond who died at the age of 3 years, 7 months and 19 days, William K., of Valley Junction, Iowa, Thomas T. of Oskaloosa, Iowa, J. Walter, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Amel E. of Union, Iowa.

She was converted in July before she was seven years old. At the early age of eleven years she began teaching in the Bible school and she has been a teacher almost continuously ever since. During the last few years, numbers of people came to her saying "Mary, you taught me to pray, and you led me to Christ, and I thank you for it."

For more than thirty years she served as elder in the church, and she has been a faithful counselor and helper to her husband in his ministry, a faithful loving gentle wife, and helper in every good thing. As a mother she has manifested the largest love and sympathy, reaching far beyond the pales of her household.

Among those near to her who remain are three grandchildren, Eldra and George Sopher, of Valley Junction, Iowa, and Raymond, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, also two sisters Annie Howler, of Los Angeles, California, and Lydia T. Kessler, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and one brother Samuel S. Terrell, of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

During the time of her sickness she manifested the same cheerful, loving disposition which characterized her whole life. Her first thought was ever for the blessing and comfort of others and the honor of her Christ. Her victorious life closed on earth September 3, 1921, with the words on her lips, "I am going home, I am going home."

Joseph