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Mrs. Mary Charles Stalker.

Mary Charles, daughter of Thomas and Charlotte Charles, was born near Pleasant Plain, Iowa, January 21, 1853, where a joyous childhood and a happy girlhood were passed.

On February 26, 1874, she was united in marriage with Aaron Stalker. This deep, strong bond of love and devotion with its perfect sympathy and understanding, has radiated a rare blessing upon all those who have come within touch of its charmed circle. This hospitable home has been filled with the fragrance of beautiful thoughts, kindly deeds, and consecrated lives. Its helpfulness has extended in many directions to the outside world.

She was the mother of one child, their daughter, Maude Stalker Lemley. To her she gave all that a mother could give—a happy home, loving care in her education, and when the daughter's new home was established she made its interests her own. She was always a welcome and delightful member of the family circle when she could visit this home.

For many years she had the companionship of her aged mother in her widowhood, and never was a parent more blessed with gentle care and loving ministrations.

With all her cares, she welcomed many visitors,—and whether they be strangers, or of church affiliation, or of family connection, each felt blessed by the beauty and orderliness of a truly Christian home.

was deeply interested in temperance and its recent rapid progress was a great joy to her. She has been for many years a loyal, faithful patroness of the Orphans Home in Council Bluffs,—helping with her own willing hands, in many material ways, to bring brightness and cheer into the lives of homeless, motherless children.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union and Missionary societies have found in her a constant and helpful support—always ready and anxious to give of her best.

She was a birthright member of the Society of Friends, and during her entire life has been a faithful, consistent believer in the principles for which Friends stand. Actively interested in every department of the work of the church she has given a devoted, loving service. Her beautiful voice with its sweetness and accuracy was always a delight to her friends, who loved to hear her sing.

Her Christian life has been a beautiful and natural unfolding and development. The teachings of Christ have been the foundation principles upon which she has builded the structure of her life, and as we look upon it now it seems like a well nigh perfect piece of work!

She passed away very unexpectedly after an illness of two days, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. G. Lemley, at Grinnell, Iowa, June 22, 1915, in her sixty-third year.

Beautiful in life, she went while life was at its flood, with all her faculties bright, her face and spirit youthful, and with a capacity for enjoyment that was wonderful to her friends.

She leaves a husband, a daughter, and family, and many friends and relatives, to mourn an irreparable loss! Her beautiful memory, which shines between the tears, is a joy which can never be taken away,—a rare treasure of comfort in our deep sorrow!

Thomas Charles bn Richmond, IN  
 11-25-1800

Charlotte Johnson Charles bn  
 Leesbury, OH 1805

Both buried Pleasant Plain, In.