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OBITUARY.

MRS. L. W. STOWE.

Phoebe R. Allen was born in Lebanon, Madison county, N. Y., in 1821 and was married in 1843 to Luther W.

Stowe her mate of 61 years, who survives her.

They came first to Iowa in 1856, moving to a farm near Oak Grove and to this city in the centennial year 1876. To them three children were born, Burdette A. Stowe, Williard W. Stowe and Mary J. (Stowe) Sampson, all of whom are living in this city and with the latter of whom she has long made her home.

While living in New York during her girlhood Mrs. Stowe joined the Baptist church but on moving to Oak Grove, there being no Baptist church, she joined the Methodist class held at Blue Point and on moving to this city united with this denomination where she has ever since been a member.

Mrs. Stowe's life was remarkable in many respects. In length it far exceeded the ordinary span of human life, reaching as it did into its eighty sixth year. It is remarkable for the length of her married life and we know of no one of our acquaintance who has lived with a single husband during 64 years of love and harmony.

Her life is a model as an example of industry while in the home she was a true mother and filled well and conscientiously this most responsible position in which God puts a human being.

As a wife she was one whose fidelity made her a companion of surpassing qualities and a kind and cheerful wife. As a Christian she was true to the Master and though deprived of the enjoyment of church services during the last few years she never lost her interest in God's work or His cause in which she had faith.

Her death was the result of a fall and the consequent weakening which her advanced years could not bear.

She was taken to the Master's side on Tuesday afternoon Feb. 12, at two o'clock where the record of her long and useful life will be read clear and pure.

Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Sampson, Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. M. McClelland. Music was furnished by a quartette composed of Mrs. Elsie F. Case, Mrs. G. M. Spooner, Mr. W. V. Davies and Mr. C. L. Gardner and the remains were laid to rest by loving hands in Hazelwood cemetery.

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