

MRS. MARY WOODRUFF TIMMERMAN.

The Angel of Death bore Mrs. Mary Woodruff Timmerman away from her home last Tuesday, the 19th inst. She was eighty-six years old and had resided in Grinnell thirty-seven of them. Her birthplace was Winfield, N. Y., and at twenty-one she was married to Mr. Benjamin Timmerman, who passed on to the other world from Grinnell in 1878. One of her little nieces who had three aunt Marys used to distinguish her as "Sweet Aunt Mary." That child's characterization represented the thought of all who knew her in Grinnell. She dropped easily and naturally into church work and town charities. She was especially liberal giver to home and to foreign missionary enterprises, and the touch of her hand with the tones of her voice caused those who received her benefactions to feel that she brought them more than money and what was better.

During many of her later years the infirmities of age excluded her from the enjoyment of social life outside of her home, but they added beauty and brightness to the sweetly tender care that came to her there. She was the center of thought and affection within those walls. Children sometimes forget what is due to such a mother when the shadows of life's sunset are falling. Her children never did. They cared for her with rarest tenderness. Her life was a benediction to herself and to others. Her christian life began very early; it retained its brightness to the last.

Of Mrs. Timmerman's nine children four were buried in New York at an early age, one died while a Freshman in Yale College, and Mrs. Emily Brown Hanlin died only a year ago. The three survivors, Mrs. Mary Gaylord, Miss Adele Timmerman and Mr. Manly Churchill Timmerman reside in Grinnell. She leaves also four grandchildren, Harry T. Hanlin of Tacoma, and the three children of Mrs. Gaylord's, Lawrence T., Ralph Wells, and Sidney Woodruff. Two sisters, also, Mrs. Corinna Hobart of Sterling, Ill., and Mrs. Amelia Hallam of Tabor, Iowa, survive her. 1-19-1904

The funeral services are held this afternoon at her late residence and are conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum and Prof. Parker.

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