

BEAUTIFUL SERVICE FOR MRS TOMPKINS

12-26-1924

Was Held Wednesday Afternoon At
Home of Her Daughter, Mrs.
B. J. Ricker.

REV. E. W. CROSS GAVE
ELOQUENT APPRECIATION.

Music Given by Friends of Mrs. Tompkins Was Especially Suitable.

Beautiful and suitable in every respect, funeral services for Mrs. Ella A. Tompkins were held Wednesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. J. Ricker, where she had made her home for several years. Rev. E. W. Cross, her pastor, spoke words of comfort and cheer to the many friends who assembled and the music, all performed by friends of Mrs. Tompkins and of the Ricker family was exceptionally suitable and beautiful.

The service was opened by "Abide With Me" played by a trio composed of Professor G. L. Pierce, cello, Mrs. Bertha Shotts Smiley, viola and Mrs. G. L. Pierce, pianist. Mr. Cross then read a brief notice of Mrs. Tompkins' life, and Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer sang very beautifully "Still, Still With Thee," with accompaniment by the trio.

Mr. Cross gave an eloquent and sympathetic appreciation of Mrs. Tompkins' life, taking as his text the words, "Full of Grace and Truth". He told of her brave and loving spirit, her many acts of service, of her life in which she had incarnated the spirit of Christ himself. It was a message which brought to the assembled friends an expression of their own

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thoughts of Mrs. Tompkins, who in her life in Grinnell had impressed these characteristics so firmly upon all.

Mrs. F. J. Kiesel closed the services by singing, unaccompanied the quaint Scotch song "My Ain Countree." It was a beautiful close to a beautiful service.

Interment will be made in Galesburg, Ill., where her husband was buried in 1908.

Ella Amelia Kelly, daughter of Jonathan S. and Mary Hall Kelly was born in Rutland, Vt., Aug. 16, 1849, moving to Wheatland, Ill., when four years of age.

She attended Wheaton College for three years and was married at Wheaton, Sept. 8, 1869 to Rev. James Tompkins. After pastorates at St. Cloud and Minneapolis and at Kewanee, Ill., they moved to Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Tompkins served for twenty-five years as superintendent of the Illinois Home Missionary Society, living in Oak Park.

After the death of her husband in 1908 she made her home with her children.

She is survived by four children, Roy J., Rockton, Ill., Mabel T. Ricker of Grinnell, William C. Tompkins of St. Louis and Seeley K. Tompkins of Boston.

William C. Tompkins was here for the funeral.