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OBITUARY.

Mrs. J. A. Williams.
Sarah Elma Ratcliff, daughter of
Jesse and Elizabeth Ratcliff, was born
 near Flushing, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1858, and
 fell asleep in Jesus Aug. 21, 1908, at
 her home three and a half miles north
 of Lynnville, aged 50 years, 6 months
 and 7 days.

She came with her parents to Iowa
 in 1863, and was married to J. A. Wil-
liams, Feb. 12, 1880. To this union
 were born eight children, two of whom
 preceded their mother to the Better
 World.

She was converted while young and
 has ever since lived a consistent
 Christian life. Her life was one of
 constant communion with her Saviour
 thorough prayer and a study of God's
 word. She was a faithful wife and
 mother, faithful in the home, the
 church and an able teacher in the
 Sunday school and was also a strong
 advocate for the cause of temperance.
 She leaves to mourn her loss a hus-
 band, three sons and three daughters;
 also her mother, two brothers and a
 sister, together with a large circle
 of other relatives.

While nearing the end she prayed
 for each one of her family, giving
 them loving counsel, told them she
 was glad her peace had been made
 with God while in health, and arrang-
 ed for the services, selecting her pall
 bearers, who were first cousins. The
 services were held on the Sabbath at
 Sugar Creek Friends church of which
 deceased was a life-long member, at-
 tended by a large gathering. They
 were conducted by Rev. Robert Lin-
 coln and wife, assisted by Rev. L. A.
 Hawkes. The casket was covered with
 beautiful flowers, tokens of the gen-
 eral esteem in which she was held.
 The remains were laid to rest in the
 French cemetery, to await the resur-
 rection.