

In Memoriam

MARY RANDALL, wife of Dr. John Grinsted, was born in Oxford, England, March 16, 1810, and died in this city April 18, 1875.

Married at St. Aldates' Church, in her native city, January 7, 1834, the following year she came to the United States, and remaining a twelve-month in Philadelphia, she removed successively to Cincinnati, Louisville, and Alton, but eighteen years since established her home in Litchfield.

To her were born seven children, Mary A.W., wife of B. M. Munn, of Chicago, Annie S., Henry P., who died in infancy, Janie R., wife of Charles Snow, of Warrensburgh, Mo., Fannie E., Richard H., and Emma C., who were present at the services on Monday.

Two brothers survive her, Thomas Randall, Ex-Mayor of Oxford, Eng., and Charles Randall, of Australia, and one sister, Agnes Hillman, Isle of Wight.

Though fondly attached to her kindred and the institutions and customs of her native land, Mrs. Grinsted always appeared to be thoroughly American in her sentiments and ideas. She was amiable, generous, philanthropic, one of Nature's Noblewomen.

To her a happy home filled with happy hearts and surrounded with cheerful friends, seemed a prototype of Heaven. She was the Dorcas of Litchfield, the good Samaritan in all her walks of life.

How perfectly she presided in her household; how she was wife, parent, and confidant; a help and an example; a guide and tribune, until her voice became public opinion to her family-to relate this is only to say that in her home-life she was as admirable as in that other life which could not be wholly hid from the community.

Foremost in donations and labors for the Sanitary Commission during the war; foremost in schemes to beautify the city; capable to plan, prompt to execute; foremost in sociable entertainments; the first to seek the sick and the destitute; quickest to share her basket and her store with the needy; indefatigable in labors of mercy, and in all acting from the high vantage ground of duty, her friends were found in all denominations, wherever there were disease or suffering. The lowly thronged her gates, and the objects of her benevolence came to pay her remains the last sad tribute of respect and love.

A thoroughly good woman, an unselfish friend, a Mother in Israel has fallen, and all classes unite to recount her noble deeds, to commend her Christian life and praise her memory.

--- The community were pained and surprised to learn, on Saturday, that Mrs. John Grinsted was so low that she could survive only a few hours. She had been an invalid for a long time -Bright's disease- but of late rheumatism had set in. Friday the complaint ceased, but she was too ill to rally, and died early Sunday morning.

--- The funeral services of Mrs. John Grinsted, on Monday, at the Presbyterian Church, were conducted by Rev. R. M. Roberts, of Pana, and were witnessed by a full house, and many were unable to gain admittance. The size and character of the audience told mutely in how high and sincere esteem the deceased was held by all classes.