

Harper, Jennie (Mrs. Richard)  
Nee: Crabb  
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We are called upon to chronicle the passing out of another life. This time it is one whose presence cannot well be spared. For "What Is Home Without A Mother?" But there are no precincts too sacred for death, the last enemy to be conquered, to invade. With this enemy our sister struggled intensely. While seemingly the enemy was victorious in reality it was not so. Her victory was through our Lord Jesus Christ, thanks be unto Him. We are assured of this fact by Him whose promises never fail.

Fifty three years, five months and eleven days was the measure in time of the sojourn in earth of her, whose maiden name was Martha Jennie Crabb. Her birthplace was Indiana and the date was July 27, 1866. She had her residence in the State of her birth until the year 1877, when she came with her parents to Iowa and located near the present site of Collins, where she continued to live, with the exception of a few years when she lived at Rhodes, until death. While at Rhodes the deceased became a member of of the Rebekkah lodge in which she was a respected member. Representatives of that body were present at her funeral and joined in a contribution of respect

At the age of 21 years our sister was converted to Christ and became a member of the Church of Christ. She was united in marriage to R. H. Harper January 1, 1890, and when the Collins Church of Christ was organized she and her husband became charter members of that congregation. Here she held membership continuously except for a few years during her residence in Rhodes. She was received back into the local congregation on Christmas day 1919, much to her joy and satisfaction, her husband accompanying her. Her faith was firm to the last. Her last words to the minister were "Pray For Me," which was used by him as the funeral text and related to 1 Thessalonians 5:25.

Mrs. Harper was the mother of five sons, namely: W. L.; Clifford W.; Walter W.; Rufus W. and Harold W. All survive her except Clifford who died in the month of May. Other near relatives are three sisters and one brother, namely: Mrs. Walter Thompson, Mrs. Ruth Cummings, Mrs. J. H. Cleverly and Wm. Crabb. These with the husband and six grandchildren mourn the loss of a loved one they can never forget.

Her suffering was intense, but patiently endured. She left an example of how a christian can die sustained by faith in Him who said, "My Grace Is Sufficient for Thee, My Strength Is Made Perfect in Weakness?"

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at the Christian church B. H. Coonradt officiating assisted by Rev. Ingvaldstad and interment was made in the Collins cemetery.

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