

d. 11-01-1913
Cooper, Margaret

Obituary of Mrs. H. P. Cooper

Margaret Justin Eatherton, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Eatherton, was born in Mechanicsville, Cedar Co., Iowa, February ninth, 1857, and died in Collins, Story, Co., Iowa, November first, 1913, having lived 56 years, 8 months and 19 days. Miss Eatherton was united in marriage to Mr. Harrison P. Cooper December the 25, 1879. Mrs. Cooper became the happy mother of two noble boys, whom she had the privilege of raising to manhood and seeing them grow and develop into esteemed and highly respected men. Mrs. Cooper was converted to Christ, and united with the United Brethren Church at Dalton in the winter of 1882. Mrs.

Cooper remained a consistent and devoted follower of her Lord, a helper in the Church she loved, and only ceased activities after she became helpless by disease. Sister Cooper was an invalid for nine weary years, yet she bore her suffering with Christian fortitude and patient resignation, counting that these afflictions would be compensated for by the Lord she adored. While death was not unlooked for, his coming has filled a loving husband and two devoted sons' hearts with grief and lonely sadness.

The heart hunger and sadness felt by husband and sons, is shared in some degree by two brothers and one sister. Many friends and neighbors will miss sister Cooper in their daily cares and pleasures in life's

pilgrimage. The loved and loving wife, mother, sister and friend, died when womanhood's noon was just touched, and while the shadows of life were beginning to slant eastward. She had just passed the half-way stone that marks the highest point of life, but being tired and weary, she lay down to sleep, and made the cares and burdens a pillow on which to rest her head, and fell into a dreamless sleep that kissed down her eyelids in rest. This brave and tender woman was a rock and oak in time of life's storms, a flower of sweetness in the sunshine; we miss her and with expectant faith will look to the time when we shall meet to part no more. Now, let us put doubts and tears away, let us believe even now, those dear hands that helped so many here, are

now clasping those out-stretched hands of her loving Saviour and Lord.

The above obituary was read by the presiding minister, Rev. C. S. Hanson, who preached the sermon at the funeral, which was held from the home Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance of friends and old neighbors of the deceased. The sermon was a comforting and assuring discourse. The choir tenderly sang appropriate selections and the floral tributes were very beautiful.

The heartfelt sympathy of all our people is given to the bereaved husband and sons.

The interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. The pall bearers were W. H. Thompson, C. R. Wick, A. S. McCord, Wm. Cook, O. F. Heinrich and Dan Botheras.

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