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Bates, Miriam

Obituary.

Miriam Reagan was born in Fayette County, Penn., April 23rd, 1833, and departed this life Dec. 23rd, 1915, age 82 years and 8 months. She was united in marriage with John Bates, Nov. 19th, 1854, in Fulton County, Ill. and to this union twelve children were born. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Jasper County, Iowa and located on a farm. On Oct. 3rd, 1876 the husband and father passed away.

In the year 1878, sister Bates came and located on a farm in Story County and remained there until 1908, when she came to Collins and made her home with her daughter Mrs. A. W. Woten.

Husband and three children preceded her in death, leaving the following to mourn the loss of a kind, loving mother: Mrs. D. V. Smith, Mrs. A. W. Woten, Mrs. W. H. Holmes, Walter, Grant and Sherman Bates of Collins; Alva and John Bates of Roosevelt, Oklahoma; Mrs. O. E. Bedell of Giltner, Nebraska; besides two brothers, one sister, grand-children and a host of friends.

Sister Bates was converted at the age of 15 and united with the M. P. Church and has ever been faithful to her Lord and Master. In her younger days she was a zealous worker in the Sunday School and church, but in later years the care of a large family and much sickness prevented her from taking an active part in the master's service.

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Funeral services were held in the M. P. Church last Sunday, conducted by Rev. Frank Butterfield, and interment was made in Peoria Cemetery. The church was filled with relatives, neighbors and friends who came to pay their last respects to the one whom they had learned to love.

The music rendered by the choir was comforting to the bereaved ones, and the many floral offerings were beautiful.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and pray that God's richest blessing may ever rest upon them.

Notes—The choir was Mrs. Clara Serbein and Miss Julia Anderson, soprano; Misses Pearl and Bessie Carver, alto; J. G. Gingles and Chas. F. Cooper, tenor; J. M. Hall and E. B. Weese, bass; Miss Ethel Carver, accompanist.

Rev. Butterfield's text was from Jeremiah 12:5, "How wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" He preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon in keeping with the solemn occasion and his references to the departed breathed Christian comfort to the bereaved ones.

The pall bearers were G. W. Baldwin, Clarence Campbell, Chas. McQuiston, Eldon Patterson, O. B. Patterson, W. H. Thompson.

Among those at the funeral were old neighbors of deceased from Bondurant, Peoria, Farrar and Maxwell neighborhoods, as well as those of Collins and Clear Creek townships.

During her last sickness, lasting about six weeks, she was very patient, and never murmured or complained until death came and set her happy spirit free.