

Kitchell, Lucetta

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Obituary of Mrs. P. A. Kitchell.

Mrs. P. A. Kitchell died at her home, Britt, Iowa, last Friday and the body was brought to Collins Saturday. The funeral was held at the Christian church Sunday afternoon, many of her old neighbors and friends being present to pay their tribute of respect to a good woman, whose later years was burdened with sickness and debility. Deceased was a faithful wife, devoted mother, with a loving heart for all her dear ones, a kind neighbor and friend. The beautiful floral offerings also testified to the esteem in which she was held.

The preacher, Rev. L. A. Fleming, read the following short biography: "We are called to pay the last tribute of respect to Lucetta L. Kitchell, born March 9, 1841, died August 4, 1916, aged 75 years, 4 months and 25 days. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, two sons, Edward of Britt and Warren of Collins, three daughters, Mrs. Charles Darling of Rhodes; Mrs. John Jackson of Mora, Minn; and Mrs. Andrew Stevens of Britt, Iowa; two brothers. Two daughters preceded her in death. Sister Kitchell was converted at the age of fourteen years and was a member of this church ever since

it was first organized. Her health began to fail twelve years ago. When the death angel knocked she was ready to go."

Rev. L. A. Fleming read for the scripture lesson the 24th Psalm. His

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text was from Revelations 3 11, "Behold I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast; that no man take thy crown." Those who hold fast to righteousness shall receive a crown. This was the main thought in Rev. Fleming's sermon. Violating nature's laws brings a penalty; violating the spiritual law brings a penalty; but those who are faithful unto death shall receive a crown of life. When Christ appears the righteous shall receive a crown that fadeth not. Dives wore his crown here; Lazarus wears a crown in paradise. The preacher closed with the beautiful thought that the Christian leaves this earthly tenement house, with all its afflictions, for the happy heavenly home.

Comforting Christian, songs were sung by an efficient choir: Mrs Etta Patterson and Miss Mary Holmes, soprano; Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Geo. Holmes, alto; J. G. Gingles and J. R. Witmer, tenor; Dr. Robertson and Prof. Kirk, bass; Miss Jennie Hall accompanist.

The interment was at Evergreen Cemetery, the pall bearers being E. W. Shearer, J. E. Dickson, Chas. Dodd, A. F. Tilton, W. J. Pentz and Chas. Todhunter.

All the children were present at the funeral. They and others from a distance included Mrs. Fred Graef and daughter, Maud, of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Darling and daughter, Nellie, of Rhodes, Mrs. John Jackson, of

Nora, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stevens, of Britt, Iowa, with the bereaved husband and veteran, P. A. Kitchell, and son, Edward, of Britt.