Harper, Jennie (Mrs. Richard)
Nec: Crabb
D. 1-10-1920

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 she deceased
became a member of of the Rebeccah
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 be
came charter members of that con
gregation. Here she held membership
continuously except for a few years
during her residence in Rhodes. She
was received back into the local con
gregation 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 Thessa
lonians 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 grand
children mourn the loss of a loved
one they can never forget.

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

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

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