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She represents a distinct type of pioneer devotion. The church of Jesus Christ assumes large responsibility in entering into such inheritances. Mrs. Earhart died at the home of her son in Columbus, Ohio, June 18, 1928, and interment was made in the Oakdale Cemetery.

#### MRS. ISABELLE BARTON

Isabelle Logsdon, thirteenth child of Mary and James Logsdon, was born in Independence Township, Jasper County, Iowa, June 29, 1862. She received a limited education in the public schools of Newton. On December 22, 1879, she was united in marriage to Henry H. Barton, at the home of her parents in Jasper County.

While her husband was preparing for the ministry, it was largely through her fidelity and service that his education was possible. She was a general favorite and dearly beloved by all who knew her in every field of labor to which they went. Every thought was of her home and her chief aim in life was to make her home happy and comfortable for her husband and family, and she never tired of doing things for those whom she loved.

On November 17, 1925, she submitted to a very critical operation, and although she courageously strove to live, it was a losing fight. Skillful hands and loving hearts ministered unto her to no avail, and on June 23, 1928, as peacefully as a summer day she passed away, to be with her Redeemer, there to join the loved ones gone before, and await the loved ones here.

On Thursday morning before her passing she called her husband and her children to her and with one hand clasping that of her husband and the other in the hand of her granddaughter, she repeated this scripture: "I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, six children, Harry of Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Pearl Hunt of Shellrock, Iowa; Mrs. Nellie Arrington, Spencer, Iowa; Ray of Vesper, Wisconsin; Mrs. Bessie Griffin of Cooks, Michigan; and Mrs. Ruth Reeve of Keosauqua, Iowa. And seventeen grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Jennie Darr of Marshalltown, Iowa; two brothers, Emmett Logsdon of San Francisco, California; Andrew Logsdon of Sprague, Washington; and a host of friends.

Brother Barton and his wife had made Cedar Falls their home since the time of retirement some years ago, and during this time had made a host of friends. Mrs. Barton had endeared herself to her friends by her exemplary life, her gentleness, and kindly smile. To visit in her home and to participate in the joys thereof was a real pleasure long to be remembered.

Funeral services were held in the family home in Cedar Falls and also in the Methodist Church in Shellrock, Monday afternoon. They were in charge of the Rev. W. G. Crowder, assisted by the Rev. G. B. Shoemaker, Dr. E. J. Lockwood, Dr. A. M. Billingsley, and the Rev. S. V. Williams, pastor of the local church, with interment at Shellrock, Iowa.

Many friends from surrounding towns were present as the body was laid away "in God's acre," and the floral tributes were beautiful.

The language of a famous poet may comfort the bereaved friends.

There is no death; the stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore  
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown they shine forever more.

There is no death; the dust we tread shall change beneath the summer  
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To golden grain, or mellow fruit, or rainbow tinted flowers.  
 And ever near us, though unseen the dear immortal spirits tread  
 For all the boundless universe is life, there is no death.

MRS. EMMA HICKS KILDOW

After fifty-four years of earthly pilgrimage, the fine Christian spirit of Sister Kildow left the joys, sorrows, and fellowships of this present life, in order that she might test the eternal realities in the home prepared for such loyal, patient, kindly, and loving souls, that she might be "ever with the Lord." From early childhood she had been a faithful, earnest Christian. Since 1894 she had been a loving, self-sacrificing wife and mother and since 1905, when her husband joined the West Wisconsin Conference, she had magnified the holy influences of the parsonage in Wisconsin, Missouri, and Iowa. For years in rather frail health, she went about her Master's business by quietly, patiently, and lovingly doing the tasks and bearing the trials of a pastor's wife. What strength she had was freely and generously given to the family and the church. No one needed ever to make apology for her life or her character. Not only were her loved ones enriched by their associations with her, but every neighborhood was bettered by her having lived in it. The large and sorrowful delegations that attended her funeral from each of the churches in this conference where Brother Kildow had been pastor gave evidence, not only of their abiding respect and loving, tender regard for her, but also emphasized the deep impression her life had made upon them, as well as giving expression to their sympathy for Brother Kildow and the family.

Born in Belmont County, Ohio, December 23, 1873; married to Edwin R. Kildow, December 24, 1894; the mother of one daughter and two sons, she adorned the ministry of Brother Kildow for twenty-three years of companionship, so suddenly broken by death. Hers was such a modest, self-effacing life, that only eternity will be able to evaluate its worth and effect. If to have lived to scatter the blessed influences of a beautiful Christian character in thirteen Methodist churches and communities as the pastor's wife and helper is worth while, then Sister Kildow has not lived in vain.