

sunshine opens it's closed petal. It never soils a silken fold or a waxen finish from a trembling anther. The influence of her life was as genuine as the light of morning. Her unpretending life was as soft as a summer breeze and it wafted many a good seed unto a hidden glade and dark forest place where a sower's hand could never scatter. That gentle atmosphere about her carried the truths of Christ unto hearts where no preacher's voice was ever heard. Her labors were abundant, and always for others. Her work in the social world was considerable, but in the home, the unselfishness of her character shone forth. In the home she was a queen. 'Tho' her sun went down at the noon time, she filled the morning hours, and I believe she could say with the Maker: "Father, I have glorified Thee on earth; I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do".

I want to speak of her church life, By all means greatest was her service to the Master. A thousand times she has stopped me on yonder corner, and it always was Christ and His church. Last night when I turned to the records to write "Gone to God" after her name, I saw hers first on the records of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Wheatland, and ever since, she has been it's pillar. When I first saw this beautiful church and read what it said on it's cornerstone, I wondered how they could build such a church then, but after awhile, I knew. I knew it was her gentle determination that was behind the chairman of the building committee, her husband and his associates, I.W. Gray, D.D. Wallace, H.E. Crain and F.E. Davis. Yes, her life and sacrifices, her prayers, her tears, have been builded into these walls, she handled every brick.

She belonged to the Royalty of earth. She was a child of a King. Now she rests from her labors. She has already met Him in whose blood she washed her robes and made them white. Her willing feet have already trod the streets of the New City; she has tasted of the fruit of the tree of life that shadows the Mystic river; and she is not sorry that here she has served Him and her song was "All for Jesus, All for Jesus".