

Anna M (Hurst) Brady
1881-1913

OBITUARY.

On Tuesday, April 8th., Mrs. Anna M. Brady answered the summons of the Master of Life and Death, and her soul passed from this world of trials to heavenly reward.

Mrs. Anna Brady was, next to the oldest of four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hurst, Ottawa, Wis. In June, 1902, Mrs. Brady graduated from Oconomowoc high school and lived with her parents up to the time of her marriage. After years of mutual and devoted friendship, she was united in marriage with Mr. Frank M. Brady, formerly of Eagle, Wis., and at that time an engineer in the employment of the C. M. & St. Paul Ry. Co. at Milwaukee, Wis. The nuptial ceremonies were performed by Rev. A. J. Nickel of St. Theresa's church, Eagle. After their honey-moon they took up residence at Milwaukee. A few months later she became a convert to the Catholic church, and it was with great devotion to her faith that she died a most consoled and happy death.

During the career of this happy couple's married life, their home was blessed with four children, three girls and a boy. An ideal of womanhood, Mrs. Brady's ambition and heart were in her home and she was a true and "Grenadiers", by the club, was thrilling wife and an ever solicitous and tender mother. It was a sight worth while to visit their little family circle, and feast the heart upon the wonderful family spirit and mutual love that existed at their fireside. A person could not refrain from reflecting: "How wonderful this world would be, if all families were like this one; for surely this is an ideal home".

It really seemed pitiful that Providence should see fit to break in upon this happy home and disturb that atmosphere of happiness. But truly this is a world of trouble, which hesitates not, to trespass on grounds that we would call almost sacred. Sick-

ness visited Mr. Brady and for several days threatened to take away the head of the family. Mrs. Brady bore these days of awful anxiety with religious resignation, hopeful for the best. Mr. Brady was spared and then their youngest child was taken with pneumonia. After maternal care had restored her boy to convalescence, and the family were just on the eve of rejoicing, the home suffered the saddest blow of all; for this time it was the mother herself, she who had nursed her loved ones to recovery and was just rejoicing over the restoration of those dearest to her.

Mrs. Brady was taken ill on the morning of Saturday the 5th. Expert medical aid was summoned at once, and all possible measures were taken to save the queen of the home. But alas! the power of poor mortal men was of no avail, for the Master of life and death had called for her, that she might receive her reward. She had fulfilled her mission here; she had reared her family and instilled into their young hearts the true principles of life by her words and maternal influence. Is there anything more powerful, more wonderful, than maternal influence? Indeed not! And bow much the grander then that her children were blessed with such a good and loving mother.

True it is that the queen of the home is gone, and we realize the meaning of the well written phrase: "What is home without a mother?" 'Tis a thought that strikes home to the hardest of hearts. Mrs. Brady's family is rather young to leave, but we are consoled with the realization that Mrs. Brady was her husband's choice of an ideal woman, and hence her principles are his, and though Mr. Brady's duty will be two-fold, we know that the mother's character and principles will be ever held as the exemplar for the children, until they reach the goal of manhood and womanhood, thence to be a benefit and influence to their generation, as their mother was to hers.

Mrs. Anna M. Brady is survived by her father and mother, a sister, Mrs. Mabel Cummings of Ottawa, and two brothers, Benjamin Hurst Ottawa and

Harry Hurst, North Prairie. In her own family she leaves her bereaved husband, three daughters—Mae Ethelyn, Marjorie Helen, Bernice Carole, and a son, Thomas Joseph.

Funeral services were held at St. Theresa's church Friday morning, Rev. J. A. Ritger and Rev. Father O'Connor of St. Rose's church, Milwaukee, officiating. Many faithful friends and acquaintances offer heartfelt condolence to the bereaved parents, and to Mr. Brady and family, who are bearing their cross with exemplary resignation.

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