

A Good Iowa Woman

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A GOOD IOWA WOMAN.

Mrs. Florence Miller, president of the Iowa Woman's Christian Temperance Union, died at Des Moines last Saturday. For more than twenty years she was a familiar figure about the halls of legislation, and never in the way. As the legislative procession moves, members and senators are met at every turn by lady lobbyists. Some of these are ambitious to be in the public eye; others are working for the recognition of fads and foibles, and most of them have little consideration for the personal comfort of legislators or the necessary course of legislation. Mrs. Miller belonged to none of these. She seemed to have as much right there as anybody. She was earnest, but never irritating; persistent but never obtrusive, and in all her work so gracious and true as to win the regard of all men of character. Where women and children were concerned, and where the interests of common morality were involved, there Mrs. Miller would appear to plead with all the force of gracious Christian womanhood, and while she no doubt saw many hours of discouragement, it is hardly possible she ever wrought in vain, for such work as hers is never lost.

It is unfortunate that temperance and other moral reforms are not more generally sustained in the spirit manifest in the work of Florence Miller. While others scolded and threatened and waxed bitter she persuaded and plead and prayed. So many reformers seem to want to hurt somebody more than to help somebody else. Mrs. Miller was never that way. The "soft answer" was ever on her lips. The one idea of help, help; help was ever uppermost in her purpose and she had no time to plan revenges for those who offended against her dearest purposes. Even those who steeled their minds and hearts against her pleading could not fail to be impressed by her native dignity, her sweet spirit and her loving kindness toward all mankind. The world sometimes seems crowded with reformers, but there is always plenty of room for gentle, helpful women such as Florence Miller.—*Senator A. B. Funk in Spirit Lake Beacon, Aug. 24, 1906.*

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