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### MRS. WILLIAM VEITCH DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Wm. Veitch died very suddenly at her home on last Friday evening. A couple of weeks before she had suffered terribly with an attack of acute indigestion. Recovering she seemed to be getting back to her ordinary health. She was very fond of outdoor activity and had spent most of the day on Friday with the garden and shrubbery, returning to the house about five o'clock to assist in preparing the evening meal. She seemed to be in her usual cheerful frame of mind, with no suspicion that anything out of the ordinary was to occur to her. Suddenly she was taken with a feeling of illness. Aside from the dread of a repetition of the suffering endured in her late illness, her mind was at ease.

Assisted to retire she grew steadily worse, and it was only a matter of minutes until her spirit had taken its flight to the great beyond.

Mary Elde Holmes, daughter of Elisha M. and Jane Caswell Holmes, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, June 27, 1843, one of a family of nine. Was educated in St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, and the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass. She was married March 18, 1869, to William Veitch. Moved with her family in 1896 to South Dakota, living in Spink county until 1901, when the family moved to Groton, where she has since resided. She is survived by her husband and son, Roy, of Groton, and by a sister, Mrs. Edward A. Buckman, of Brockville, Ont. Her oldest son, George, died when four years of age.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. S. E. Brown, and many beautiful floral offerings testified to the esteem of friends and neighbors.

The Independent would extend its sympathy to the brother publisher in the loss of a devoted mother. She was a kind and generous neighbor, ever cheerful, and always ready to do her full part to make brighter the lives of those about her.

Out of town relatives and friends here for the funeral were Mrs. David Wismer, Minneapolis; Mrs. Margaret Young, Louis Young, Ashton; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young, Ashton; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sheridan, Ashton; Henry S. Wendt, Ashton; A. Allbee and Miss Edith Allbee, Mellette; Mrs. C. E. Bayard, Aberdeen; C. S. Smith, Conde.