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Mary E. Brown, wife of Adam Brown and daughter of James and Nancy Harkless, died on the morning of April 19th, 1884, after a brief sickness from consumption. Her death was very unexpected. She was born in Adams county, Indiana, September 1, 1858 and at her death was 25 years, 7 months and 18 days old. She was a devoted christian woman, and gave the most indubitable evidence of a triumphant departure from this life and a glorious entrance upon her life with Christ. During the last few days of her life she sought frequent opportunities to converse with her husband and friends as to the brightness of her hopes and the fullness of the love of God in her soul. As she approached the other shore, light from the celestial city broke upon her mortal vision. She called her friends around her bed, gave each one a parting word of exhortation to meet her in that better land and committed her babe to the care of her mother. Then conscious of the completion of her life's work she sank back upon her bed, and with a serene smile upon her face, broke out singing with a calm, full voice:

My latest sun is sinking fast,
My race is nearly run;
My strongest trials now are past,
My triumph is begun.
Oh, come, angel band,
Come and around me stand;
Oh, bear me away on your snowy wings
To my immortal home.

The lines finished, she gave her friends a last parting look and her spirit was gone to its immortal home. W. J. M.