

[Barrett, Celia]

Crossed the River.

A noble heart has ceased its beating on the shores of time. Celia S., wife of G. R. Barrett, passed to the higher life April 23, 1893, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Eddy, in the town of Mansfield.

Services were conducted by Mrs. Clara Watson, of Jamestown N.Y.

Mrs. Barrett was born in the town of East Otto, May 9, 1844. She never realized the tender care of love of a mother; for at the age of seven weeks, she was placed a little motherless babe in the arms of her only sister, Rosina. After their mother's death the girls were taken to the home of their grandmother and uncle Chauncey Crumb, where they were cared for by loving hearts and hands, until the second marriage of their father, when they were taken back to reside in the old home.

Soon after, the older sister went West to live with an aunt in Ill., where she finally married and settled.

When Mrs. Barrett was fifteen years of age, she also went West to make it her home with her sister. In 1864 she selected her life companion and settled near her sister in the village of Aurora, Ill.

Four children came to brighten their household, but alas! Only two were spared to cheer and comfort them, and administer to their wants in the declining years of their life.

About nineteen years ago Mr. [Mrs.] Barrett's family came to [New] York State to care for Mrs. Barrett's aged father and wife. For more years of sickness than of health have been her portion, but she always maintained that same cheerful disposition that characterized her through life.

Some two years ago she was stricken with that dread disease apoplexy, and recovered only to have another attack, and still another the 9th of Feb., from which she never sufficiently rallied to leave her bed. She leaves a husband; two children—Flora and Bert,—one sister, Mrs. McCollough, and two little grandchildren, as well as many friends, and has gone to meet father, mother, brother, sons and dear ones that will meet her with smiling faces.

She never united with any church, but was a firm believer in Universalism; since quite a young girl she has earnestly felt that to be the true religion for her. To her the teachings of that faith shone out as clear and bright as the noonday sun. She had in view a brighter and better home, where all will be joined in a happy reunion. For some time she had known that she had but a few months at most, to dwell in the earthly form, and was ready awaiting the summons when it came at the close of the quiet Sabbath day, as twilight was drawing the curtain around the tender green buds of springtime.

Time alone can assuage the great grief felt for such a wife and mother. Her remains repose among her kindred and friends, who have passed before her, and we now remember her as the loving wife, gentle mother, true friend and the noble woman.

*The Post*, Ellicottville NY, Wed. 10 May 1893