[Parsons, Erastus]

—We were pained to learn of the death of our old friend and neighbor, Erastus Parsons, who died May 25th at the home of his son, Archie Parsons, at the ripe age of 90 years. He lived at Tremaine Corners for more than 40 years. He married Amanda Cooley with whom he lived many years. At her death he moved to Adams with his son Archie, where everything was done to make his declining years peaceful and happy. He bought his coffin several years ago and planned his burial, and everything was done as he directed. His pastor, Rev. B. B. Gibbs of Watertown, a Universalist minister, preached his funeral sermon. His religion and his motto was "Honor, Justice, Mercy." On his monument are these words, "Faith, Hope, Charity." Your correspondent lived a near neighbor for many years and found uncle 'Festus and aunt 'Manda, as they were called, honest, upright neighbors, true friends. We leave them sleeping in Fairview cemetery. He left one daughter, Mrs. Amos Tuel, of Tremaines and one son, Archie, of Adams.

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