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THE DEATH OF GEORGE ASHLEY

On Sunday afternoon, at 2:30, occurred the funeral of George Ashley, from his late home in this village, the Rev. L. D. Boynton [Universalist] of Bristol officiating, assisted by the Rev. S. Mills Day, who gave a sketch of Mr. Ashley's life, and also by Rev. Arthur C. Dill, D.D., who read by request, "After Death in Arabia," by Sir Edwin Arnold. The burial was in Lake View cemetery, at which was sung "Nearer My God, to Thee," by Ernst Abel of Canandaigua, who sang "Crossing the Bar" during the services at the house.

Mr. George Ashley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ashley and was born in the town of Richmond, near Richmond Center, July 6, 1838, the second child in a family of eight children, but two of whom are now living, Albert Ashley and Pamela Ashley, both of Richmond Center. He was united in marriage [on] January 28, 1863 to Miss Deborah Adams of Richmond Center, and to them were born three children, two daughters and one son, all of whom survive, Alice L. Ashley, who resides at home, Mary, wife of Dr. H. J. Abel, and William S. Ashley, who is married and lives on the homestead farm.

For the first four years after his marriage, Mr. Ashley lived in the town of Livonia, but with the exception of this short period of time he has been a life long resident of this town. After leaving Livonia he came to live on the homestead farm of Mrs. Ashley, where they resided until August, 1904, when he bought a home in this village and was a resident here until his death, which occurred May 18th. Mr. Ashley had been ill since the first of January and his death was due to heart disease, which came suddenly at the last. He was much better part of last month and his friends hoped for a complete recovery, but the improvement was of short duration, and was followed by a more critical condition, which resulted in his death.

Geo. Ashley was held in the highest esteem by all. He was a devoted husband, a loving father and a kind neighbor and friend. He will be greatly missed and his place cannot be filled. He came of one of the most prominent families in the early and recent history of this town, and as one remarked, "anything good said of George Ashley is true," which saying meets with general approval. Mr. Ashley was a great lover of good literature and was well informed on the topics of the day. He was a broad and liberal minded man, of fine Christian character, and his home was one of open hospitality and good cheer. The large attendance at the funeral and the profusion of beautiful flowers showed the high esteem in which he was held, relatives and friends coming from far and near. Among those from a distance were Mr. Miles Hopkins and Mr. Henry Pierce from Castile, George Ray and Horace Gilbert from Lima, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Croft from Honeoye

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Falls, Mrs. Charles Stilwell and daughter Rachel from Rochester, besides many from Livonia and other nearby towns. He leaves, besides his widow, the three above mentioned children and the brother and sister. To them is extended the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Honeoye, May 23.

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