

[Brace, Grace Gourlay]

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Sadness fell upon many hearts Thursday afternoon, December 7th, when it became known that Mrs. Grace Gourlay Brace, wife of Romeyn T. Brace, had passed away at 3:20 o'clock. Mrs. Brace had been in failing health for some months suffering from heart trouble complicated by other diseases, but her high courage and cheerful spirit refused to surrender to physical weakness, and few realized the seriousness of her condition. She had been confined to her bed for about three weeks.

Grace Gourlay was born near Glens Falls, N.Y., February 19th, 1872. When she was two years old, her parents, Norman and Relief Moore Gourlay, brought their family to this section and soon settled in Farmington, which place was her home until her marriage to Romeyn T. Brace of Victor in 1893. Since that time she had lived in this village. In her girlhood she attended the Victor Union School and became a member of St. Paul's Universalist church. She had been superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School, and at the time of her death she was treasurer of the church, the teacher of a Sunday School class, and a member of the Cora A. Wilder Mission Circle and the Ladies' Social Circle. She was an enthusiastic member of Unity Club and was president of the organization when she was called upon to pass from the scene of her happy activities. Mrs. Brace was a woman of charming personality and sterling character. She had high ideals and made much of life's sunny spots, her outlook being ever optimistic. She was a most devoted wife and mother.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Brace is survived by a son, Norman G. Brace of Philadelphia; a daughter, Miss Margaret O. Brace, who is a student in the University of Rochester; two brothers, Mark C. and Eli M. Gourlay of Farmington, and a sister, Miss Kit Gourlay, who made her home with Mrs. Brace.

Funeral services will be held in St. Paul's Universalist church on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. L. [Jasper LeRoy] Everton officiating. The members of Unity Club will attend in a body. Mrs. Brace will be taken to the church about an hour before the funeral service. Interment will be made in Boughton Hill cemetery.

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