

[Brown, Theresa Howe]

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS. JOSEPH BROWN.—This patient, suffering wife was born January (23d?), 1843, and died June 19th, 1886, in the town of Ellisburgh. She was the only daughter of the late Elias B. Howe, a well-known and prominent citizen of this town, who spent the most of his life on the border of the towns of Ellisburgh and Sandy Creek. Mrs. Brown was born on the farm and was married before her father moved to this village to engage in milling, when about twenty years of age, to Joseph E. [Edward] Brown. They spent the most of their married life in this village, Sandy Creek and on the old Allen Brown homestead, where she died. The deceased was a fresh, comely looking Blonde when a girl, and seemed the picture of health and strength. Not long after the birth of her only child she commenced to fade and waste, and disclosed unmistakable symptoms of destructive hereditary influence in the form of consumption, which had caused the death of her father and mother. She struggled hard and with a grand heroism, but there was no countervailing the inevitable. For many a weary month and year nature gradually released her bonds of vitality and she wasted, wasted away into the grave. During all this time, as is customary in like cases, her mind was clear and comparatively strong. For a long time she had to be lifted, and was as helpless as a child. During this period came the compensation for all her sufferings and the sundering of earthly ties, for by day and by night her husband kept his vigils at her side, and with his tender ministrations, mellow sympathies and instinctive skill as a nurse vouchsafed to his family, cared for his sinking wife with a fidelity evoking her warmest love and dying gratitude that his kindness had relieved even death of its sting. The deceased was possessed of more than ordinary intellectual qualifications, and had a strong, well-balanced understanding. She lived and died in the faith of her fathers, as popularly understood, but with more thoughtfulness and strictly defined. She was homoiousian in belief: that is, that Christ was like the Father in essence but not the same—the Arian belief of the fourth century. Her grandfather was a Universalist local exhorter, and her father was a pantheist. She inherited their taste for religious disquisition, and had the courage of her religious opinions, and approached her grave with an unfaltering trust in the goodness and mercy of God and the ultimate happiness of the race in just that degree in which their natures had been prepared for and could enjoy future rewards.

The deceased leaves one brother as the sole survivor of her family, her husband and one child, Elias H. Brown, to mourn the loss of an intelligent, faithful wife, loving and forbearing mother, true friend, accommodating neighbor, dutiful citizen, investigating and consistent Christian of broad views and charitable disposition. The funeral was held at the old homestead and the remains [were] followed to the grave by one of the longest corteges seen for years. Burial in Maplewood; services most intelligently and appropriately conducted by Rev. Griffith of Congregational church, Sandy Creek.

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