

[Burton, Ella May

Obituary.

Last night at 11:30 o'clock Miss Ella May Burton died at the residence of Mrs. Wm. B. Houghton, 500 Monroe street, aged 28 years. On Saturday, March 1st she was taken sick with diphtheria from which she had recovered. About ten days ago a bronchial and lung trouble set in causing her death. Miss Burton was born at Middleville, and when quite young the family consisting of father, mother and three sister[s], removed to Virginia where her parents died within a month of each other when she was only six years of age. After their death the children returned to Middleville, and were cared for by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ford, the former having been appointed guardian at the suggestion of the father prior to his death. The two sisters died several years ago, since which time Miss Burton has made her home with her foster parents. She was a graduate of the Oswego normal school and three years ago last September became a resident of this place and accepted a position teacher of the primary department of the Church street union free school where she had taught ever since until the time of her sickness. None knew her but to cherish her friendship. Exceptionally bright in intellect, the knowledge she had obtained was always cheerfully imparted to her associate teachers. In school her winsome ways had won her the love, esteem and respect of all the scholars of her department and with the various teachers of the school she was a favorite among them. She was possessed of an amiable disposition, pleasing manner and a marked degree of sociability. The teachers of the Church street school will hold a meeting this evening for the purpose of expressing a just tribute to her memory. A prayer will be offered by the Rev. R. E. [Richard Eddy] Sykes, at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning at her late residence, and the remains taken to Middleville where the funeral will be held from the Universalist church at 1 p.m., the Rev. R. E. Sykes officiating.

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