

[Coleman, Helen Curtis]

SCHUYLER LAKE

[On] Saturday morning, Jan. 9th, Helen Curtis, widow of Alvin Morrell Coleman, entered into rest at her home in this village, after years of suffering. Mrs. Coleman was born in Sennett, Cayuga county, July 4, 1833, the daughter of Lee Curtis, then a rising young physician, and Phebe Ann Higbie Curtis. When [she was] but one year of age her father died, and her mother with two small children returned to the home of her parents on Angell Hill, in this town, which was her home with the exception of a short time during her married life, which was spent in the town of Burlington; until 1886 when, having sold the farm, she purchased the place in this village which has since been her home. [On] April 8, 1854, she was united in marriage with Mr. Coleman, who passed away March 24, 1883. After moving here she worked at dressmaking until a few years ago, and was most successful in pleasing her patrons. She was a woman of more than ordinary intelligence, and retained a vivid interest in the world's affairs, until after the worn body refused to respond to the active mind[,] and long after she was obliged to give up reading, to listen to others was her chief delight. About three years ago she suffered a shock [a stroke]; but partially recovered from it, and something over two years ago sustained another, and since that time has been a hopeless invalid, suffering from repeated shocks and complications, and had long wished that the spirit might be freed from the pitifully worn and helpless body. She had done her full share of the world's work and is taking a well-deserved rest. She was of a social nature and especially fond of children and young people, whom she loved to have around her, and was devoted to her home and friends, and an ardent lover of the beautiful in nature and art. She leaves to mourn the loss of a good mother one son, Augustus L. Coleman, of Binghamton, and three daughters, Marian, who has been the constant companion and caretaker of her mother; Mrs. A. J. [Lillian] Darby of this place and Mrs. Wm. J. Hull of Exeter; also 4 grandchildren, George A. Coleman of Denver, Colo., Mrs. D. C. [Grace] Williams of Pigeon Hill, and Cecile Darby of this place, and one great-grandchild, Arthur Lee Coleman of Denver, Colo. The funeral was held from the home Tuesday, with interment in the Burlington cemetery. Rev. L. [Lewis] H. Robinson [Universalist] conducted the service.

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