

[Goodwin, Elizabeth Leach McNeil]

### Memorial Notice

Mrs. James M. Goodwin, who has been in feeble health for many months past, died in this village on the evening of Thursday, the 5th inst., aged sixty-two years. Mr. Goodwin, having recently sold his farm, was about to move into the Graves house in the village and Mrs. Goodwin was spending a week at the home of Mrs. M. J. Carman during the period of removal. Her health had been unusually good up to Sunday, when she suffered from a serious hemorrhage, after which she grew gradually weaker until, after days of suffering succeeded by hours of comparative freedom from pain, she sank peacefully into the last sleep on Thursday.

Elizabeth Leach McNeil, daughter of the late Rev. Archibald McNeil, was born in Owasco, Cayuga county, N.Y. Her father was for many years the honored pastor of the old school Reformed Dutch church which worshipped in the old church, torn in recent years, located some three miles north-west of this village. His residence was two miles west, near Sniffen's corners. The family included several children of whom all but one have passed over the river to meet the loved parents on the other shore. One of the brothers was Col. Hugh McNeil who was killed in the battle of Antietam. For a number of years Mrs. Goodwin's health had been feeble, and for two years past she has been an invalid. During all this time she has manifested a submissive, trustful spirit, has been cheerful, unselfish and uncomplaining. The death of her son, Arch. M. Goodwin, about one year ago, was a terrible blow to the mother who loved him so well, and from the care and anxiety incident to his sickness she never fully recovered. Her husband, three sons, now residing in Auburn, and a sister, Mrs. Coggeshall of New York city, survive her, mourning their loss of one who was always affectionately devoted and faithful. Mrs. Godwin was educated in the faith of the Reformed Dutch church, afterward uniting with the Universalist church of Auburn, of which her husband was a member. Rev. J. J. [Jay Jenkins] Brayton, the pastor of this church, was sent for to attend the funeral service, but was unable to be present. Services held at the Baptist church on Saturday afternoon were conducted by Rev. Lewis Halsey, the choir rendering appropriate selections.

The following tribute is from a friend who was very well acquainted with her religious life: Her love of Christ as our Redeemer, His nearness to her in all her griefs that were many was wonderful, and the foundation of her most unequalled patience and faith that she would be taken care of in the other world as He had promised to those who serve Him here, her reading of the good book convinced her that the recognition of loved ones gone before was certain and she always spoke of their waiting for her as if they were cognizant of her movements here. "He shall give his angels charge

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concerning thee" and many other passages gave her this comfort she thought. Living alone, almost, through many hours of the day, her lonely home sick heart leaned on her Saviour, for constant comfort and help to meet the parting from her family to whom she was devoted. She told me, when sitting by her bedside last summer, that she was ready and waiting and left everything in her Father's hand who had prepared her rest and peace for her and others by the giving up of his dearly beloved Son.

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