

[Hart, Mary Ann]

Death of Mrs. Josiah Hart

After a long and painful illness Mrs. Josiah Hart died last Sunday afternoon. During the latter part of the week previous Mr. Hart thought that good grounds for hope existed, but a change took place Sunday morning, and the post mortem examination revealed the fact that she died of cancer of the bowels, and therefore, that death was only a question of vitality. The funeral services were held at Mr. Hart's residence on Railroad street, Wednesday forenoon of this week. The casket was of black walnut, entirely covered on the outside with black broadcloth, heavily bordered with velvet, trimmed with fringe looped, festooned and tasseled, handles and ornaments being of silver; indeed, it was one of the richest, most beautiful and elegant of caskets. Wreaths and bouquets of lovely flowers had been placed by loving hands on the casket and at its foot and head. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. W. [Harry Willis] Hand [Universalist], whose remarks were very appropriate and touching. The choir seemed to sing with unusual pathos and sweetness. While the large number in attendance testified to the esteem in which Mrs. Hart was held. Quiet, ladylike, intelligent, endowed with a remarkably sweet disposition, Mrs. Hart was one of the most excellent of women, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

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