

[Hayes, Mary Ann Ackley]

MRS. WILLIAM E. HAYES

We are deeply pained to announce the death of our neighbor and friend Mrs. Wm. E. Hayes, which occurred Saturday, July 3, after an illness of about two months. She was first afflicted with partial blindness which soon developed in[to] total loss of sight. Next she became paralyzed in one arm, followed by loss of action and feeling on that entire side of her body, loss of speech, inability to eat solid food, and she was kept alive by the administration of liquid given at frequent intervals. Eventually her entire body became paralyzed and it was realized by her devoted husband and sorrowing friends that her end was near—it came as announced in the above opening sentence.

Mrs. Hayes was a daughter of [Polly Gardner Ackley and] Rev. Oliver Ackley, a Universalist clergyman who officiated in Geneva many years before his death. He left a large family—six sons and three daughters—of whom only one survives, Chancey [Chauncey] B. Ackley of Adrian, Mich. He responded to a telegram announcing his loss by coming on to Geneva. Mrs. Hayes had but one child, a daughter who died at the age of about 11 years. Except for this bereavement hers was a happy home life. She was sympathetic and helpful to neighbors in sorrow and distress. She was also helpful in many ways in the church and especially in her younger days with her powerful voice in hymning praises to God.

The funeral was held at the house, Castle street, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Ballou officiating.

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