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GAINESVILLE

The death of Mrs. Mary Hunn, the fatal termination of the stroke of apoplexy with which she was stricken, Wednesday the 4th, occurred Saturday night the 14th. This community in which she has lived so many years and which so thoroughly understood and appreciated her great force of character and had seen and known so much of her quiet but effectual way of doing charitable work, at the same time upholding and impressing all people by the power of mentality of woman, feel that their loss is one that cannot easily or soon be replaced.

As a member of the Political Equality Club she stood pre-eminently strong; firm in her belief in the tenets of this organization, she was assertive and positive in her expressions of opinion and judgment. She courted not discussion for argument's sake nor permitted her thoughts or words to drift into bitterness, but with courteous demeanor and calm and agreeable manner, carried through an argumentative conversation to the convincing of her listeners that the words enunciated were not explanatory of idle theories, but assertion of truth and judgment from carefully studied and digested reading. She was in full spirit with the purposes and object of the principles and work of the WCTU. Not so much at the fore, heralding with brazen trumpet what ought to be done, but one of the wheel horses, exerting the mental and moral strength, God given, to the utmost, that that which must be should [would] be accomplished, and the load of humanity which was being sunk in the mire and mud of intemperance and immorality dragged out and placed in safety on solid ground and in fair fields. To that end her clear mind, with its suggestions and dictations, was always of great value to the society to which she was devoted and which held her in high esteem and affection.

Mrs. Hunn has been for many years a member of the Universalist church of Perry. Not a God fearing but a God loving Christian woman, loving mankind with heart and soul and showing charity (which is love) to neighbors, friends, and to her little world at large, at all times and in all places. Never dallying with sectarianism or indulging in disputation on articles of belief, but daily acting and doing the duty that she believed God would demand and commend and for which she should [would] receive from Him the blessed edict, "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Mrs. Hunn was born at Canandaigua Aug. 14, 1828. She was the daughter of Silas Anson of Cheshire, Ontario county, and was married in that village March 18, 1852 to George Hunn, and the newly wedded couple commenced their married life in the town of Bristol. In 1862 they removed

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to the town of Eagle, and after a residence there of fifteen years they again removed, to Casselton, [North] Dakota, Mr. Hunn being one of the first to start the great wheat growing industry of that state. They made that place their home for several years. Two children were born to them, Fannie, now the wife of Dr. F. A. Dutton of this place and Angie, now Mrs. John Honeyman of Florence, Col. In 1883, they moved to their present home here where for fifteen years she has spent the later days of her life. Active in doing all in her power, which was great indeed, for the benefit of the community in which she lived beloved, respected and honored by all young and old. Funeral services were held at the late residence Tuesday, the 17th, at 2 o'clock. Beautiful tributes from the Political Equality club, the W.C.T.U. and personal friends were arranged throughout the rooms and about the casket, quiet but singularly appropriate and beautiful. The Political Equality club attended in a body and the W.C.T.U. had a large representation. Many friends and acquaintances from Perry and other adjoining villages were present, as also the majority of the citizens of this place. The services were conducted by Rev. Charles Palmatier, pastor of the Universalist church of Perry, assisted by Rev. E. A. Hathaway of Corfu. She had long been an active and devoted member of that church. A large number were at the services at the interment in Maplewood cemetery, among them being Rev. E. A. Hathaway, R. W. Brigham and wife, John Abbott and wife, and Jonas Clark, of Perry.

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