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MRS. MANLEY IS DEAD AT CANTON
WIFE OF EDITOR SUCCUMBS AFTER LONG ILLNESS
FUNERAL TO BE WEDNESDAY

Was Widely Read and of Remarkable Culture—Father Dr. I.M. Atwood,
Leader of Universalist Denomination

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)

Canton, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Mary Atwood Manley, 55, wife of Williston Manley, owner of the St. Lawrence Plaindealer, died at her home at 45 Main street Sunday night at 9:55, following an illness of long duration.

Mrs. Manley had suffered from tubercular trouble practically all her adult life, and had for years been in poor health. Despite this, however, she took an active interest in the civic life of the community and of the state and nation as well. She was widely read and of an unusual degree of culture. Delighting in good literature, she was a keen student of the classics, and of the more modern thought in the fields of art and letters also. Her death came as a great shock to the village in which she had lived for so long and where she had made so large a group of acquaintances and warm friends.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, Mrs. Manley suffered a severe cold. Two weeks ago, after apparently improving, she had a relapse, and Sunday afternoon at 1 she lapsed into unconsciousness, from which she did not emerge.

Mrs. Manley was born at Brocton, Mass., on Oct. 6, 1868, the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Morgan Atwood. Dr. Atwood, one of the leading figures in the Universalist denomination, was at that time pastor of the Brocton Universalist church. In 1879 she came to Canton, Dr. Atwood having been called to the presidency of the Canton Theological school of St. Lawrence University, and she had since lived here. She was married on June 15, 1889, to Williston Manley.

Surviving besides Mr. Manley are a son, Gilbert Atwood Manley, of Canton; a daughter, Miss Elaine Manley, who has been teaching in the high school at Passaic, N.J.; a brother, Dr. John Murray Atwood, dean of the theological school here, and two sisters, Miss Alice Atwood of Washington, D.C., and Miss Nora Atwood of Montclair, N.J., besides several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Manley entered St. Lawrence university with the class of 1889. All of her family have been intimately connected with the university, Mr. Manley and both her son and daughter being alumni of that institution.

She was a member of Beta Beta chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, which she joined while at St. Lawrence, and was also a trustee of the Benton library here. She was a member of the First Universalist church.

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This morning Dr. Mark Manley of Brooklyn, Mrs. Manley's brother-in-law, arrived to attend the funeral, as did Miss Alice Atwood and Miss Nora Atwood.

Services will be held at the First Universalist church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, with Dr. James Milford Payson, pastor, officiating. He will be assisted by Dr. Richard Eddy Sykes, president of St. Lawrence University.

Burial will be made at Fairview Cemetery.

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