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MRS. H. P. MORRELL

Following weeks and months of failing health, illness and suffering, Mrs. Charlotte Chaney Morrell, widow of that esteemed scholar and devoted Christian Reverend Herbert Philbrook Morrell of this village, died at her home on University Avenue Sunday night. In her passing Canton loses one who throughout her residence of thirty years here had generously given of her time and means to help those less fortunate and in carrying out the Christian faith to which she and her husband had dedicated their lives.

Mrs. Morrell was the daughter of the late Nathan Parmeter and Caroline Wheeler Chaney of Potsdam. It was as a young woman in Potsdam that she met the young student H. P. Morrell, who was studying for the ministry at the Theological School in Canton. They were married in 1897. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Theological School in 1892. In the meantime he had already begun supplying parishes at Ellisburg, Henderson Harbor and Cohocton.

It was about 1897 that Reverend Morrell undertook a challenging and difficult task, that of organizing and starting an entirely new church society in the city of Buffalo [Grace Universalist] for the Universalist denomination. Due to enthusiastic leadership of the young minister and his wife, and their unremitting efforts, the venture was successful. Not only was a new society formed but a new church edifice built.

Reverend Morrell was called to the Canton Theological School to take over the teaching duties of the late Dean Henry P. Forbes, whose death had but recently occurred. It was thus that Mr. Morrell became Richardson Professor of Ethics and Sociology, a chair he filled from 1913 to the date of his death, December 7th, 1938. When the Morrell family moved here from Buffalo they purchased and immediately occupied the Forbes residence on University Avenue. And it was there that Mrs. Morrell's death occurred ten years lacking just two days, of her husband's death.

The memory of this modest unassuming woman will be written in the hearts of many for the countless Christian acts she performed quietly and sympathetically. No demand of the Christian church or of service to the unfortunate ever passed her unnoticed and unheeded. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Morrell converted her home into a student residence for Theological and occasional University students. She was active in the work of her church, both locally and in the state. Like her husband she was devoted to the cause of Temperance.

Surviving is the daughter, Miss Caroline Morrell, who has been most devoted to her mother; and the son, Nathan Morrell, who holds a position with the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester. There are also two

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granddaughters, Jacqueline and Dianne, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Morrell.

Mrs. Morrell will be taken from the Lawrence Funeral Home to the Universalist Church for the funeral services at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

It is requested that flowers be omitted. Contributions to the Theological School Fund may be made in their place in accordance with Mrs. Morrell's expressed wishes.

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