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MARIA SLOCUM SHELDON

Brief Sketch of Estimable Woman Whose Death Occurred in Jamestown, Thursday

Maria Slocum Sheldon was the daughter of James B. and Maria Slocum. She was born in Kiantone, Chautauqua county, N.Y., Aug. 1, 1843, and she died at the Woman's Christian Association hospital, Jamestown, February 29, 1912, in her sixty-ninth year.

She was united in marriage to Albert B. Sheldon, June 13, 1872, and they shared together the joys and sorrows of forty years of happy life. One son, Frank, was born to them, but he died when about eleven months old.

Every winter they closed their home for two or three months and they have traveled in every section of this country and in a dozen countries of Europe. She left her home January 1, 1912, happy in the thought that she was to visit relatives and friends in the west, but it was dangerous to travel and during the first week in February she had a severe attack of acute indigestion while at Cambridge springs, Pa., which resisted all medical aid and she could not recover.

She was born with those genial Christian qualities so necessary in every home, and whether at Sherman or in the largest cities of the world, she surrounded herself with friends who loved her as a mother or sister. She was very fond of children and many of the little ones at home called her "Auntie." She was always kind to the unfortunate and most generous to the poor. She looked upon the bright side of life, and sunshine, prosperity and happiness have been hers to enjoy. She admired the real and substantial things of life and placed character above everything else, and every wish of her mind and soul have been gratified.

She was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge at Sherman, N.Y., and one of its active members. Beloved by those who knew her best, she lived the good life and has gone to her reward.

Besides her husband, she leaves a brother, J. H. Slocum, and a sister, Mrs. Flint Blanchard, both of Jamestown, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews.—Jamestown Journal.

The remains of Mrs. A. B. Sheldon were brought by special car to Mayville, Saturday morning, arriving here on the noon train. They were taken to the M. E. church, where funeral services were held at 1:30. There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors, besides a large delegation of members of the Eastern Star. The service was conducted by Rev. O. F. [Otis Fries] Alvord of Girard, Pa., a former pastor of the Universalist church of Sherman of which the deceased was a faithful attendant. Rev. Alvord

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took as his text, "Or ever the silver cord be loosed or the golden bowl be broken," Ecclesiastes xii:6, paying a high tribute to Mrs. Sheldon, whose life brought out the qualities of devotion to home and husband, generosity, kindness and cheerfulness in a marked degree. Rev. J. G. Ginader, pastor of the M. E. church, assisted in the service and also spoke of his pleasant acquaintance with the deceased and her many virtues. Mrs. P. E. Marshall and Mrs. Edith Willis rendered two beautiful vocal duets.

The bearers were J. L. Thayer, C. E. Cobb, Fred Miller, Dr. W. J. A. Wagner, J. P. Hall and P. E. Marshall, all members of Acacia Chapter, O.E.S.

The floral tributes were many and very beautiful. Those sent by friends and acquaintances outside the family included pieces from Congressman E. B. Vreeland, Ex-Senator Albert T. Fancher and Postmaster Edward Bollard, of Salamanca; Senator Charles M. Hamilton and Supervisor Joseph A. McGinness, of Ripley; George W. and Alton H. Appleby, Dr. Robert B. Blanchard, Mrs. R. N. Blanchard, Clarence A. Stone, of Jamestown; Acacia Chapter No. 96, Order of the Eastern Star, Ladies' Social Circle and Mrs. William Page, of Sherman; Miss Harriet Jennings of Buffalo. There were also a number of floral pieces from the neighbors and friends in Sherman.

[A long list of attendees is omitted here.]

Mr. Sheldon feels deeply grateful to all for the sympathy and many kindnesses shown him and the love expressed in so many ways for Mrs. Sheldon.

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