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Community Mourns Death of Mrs. Justus D. Smith

Feb. 25—On February 19th occurred the passing to a larger and better life of Mrs. Justus D. Smith, after over five months of severe illness, during which time everything that human skill, tender hands and loving hearts could perform was done to alleviate her suffering.

Ella Kingsley was born in the town of Norfolk, St. Lawrence county, where her childhood and younger years were spent. In early woman hood she fitted herself for teaching in the public schools and for some years she was counted a most excellent teacher. To this day, many of her former pupils, now grown to manhood and womanhood, speak in highest praise of her labors for their advancement and her influence for good in their lives. In 1903 she was united in marriage to Justus D. Smith of Dickinson Center and this has been her home from that time until now.

In religious belief a lifelong Universalist standing staunchly by her convictions, she was always glad to lend a helping hand in other church activities whenever acceptable.

In the work of the W.C.T.U. and efforts for civic betterment, she always took an active interest. With a heart filled with sympathy and hands willing to help, she was ever ready to go to those in sickness or trouble. Her words of comfort for hearts bereaved, her quiet helpfulness to the poor and downcast will long be remembered by her many friends in this her home town and in other places where she has sojourned.

On Tuesday afternoon a simple and impressive funeral service was held in her later home, Prof. H. [Herbert] P. Morrell, of Canton University speaking words of great comfort, and all that was mortal of the dear one was laid to rest in Ives cemetery.

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