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IN MEMORIAM  
MRS. EUNICE SPICER  
Died March 10th, 1905

Mrs. Eunice Spicer was born in the town of Columbus, January 12, 1819, and was the daughter of Thomas and Nabby Howard. She had one sister, Avis, and three brothers, Lowell, Jarvis and Ambrose, none of whom survive her.

At the age of 20 years, [on] March 31, 1838, she was married to Henry Spicer, who owned a farm in Sherburne, where they resided for nine years, and later bought a farm two miles above New Berlin, where they lived for five years, but Mr. Spicer's health failing they bought a home in South Edmeston, where Mr. Spicer remained an invalid until his death, April 3, 1879.

There were three children born to them, Avis Amelia, who is still living, Hoyt Eugene, who died at the age of 15 years, and Lillian Adell, who died at the age of 4 years.

Mrs. Spicer was a member of the Universalist church at Columbus Center, where she lived when a girl with her grandfather and grandmother Shawler.

She was always deeply interested in the history of the Howard family, and it was due to her initiative that a Howard Centennial was held in Columbus, N.Y., in 1894, to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of her grandfather, Thos. Howard, in that town.

Mrs. Spicer's ancestors on her father's side, the Howards, were English, and on her mother's side, the Shawlers, were French. This is taken from the genealogy of the Howard family, which gives many interesting facts and dates of family history.

In many respects Mrs. Spicer was a remarkable woman. She edited for some time a temperance column in the Local and also in the Gazette. She believed if children were brought up to shun swearing, tobacco and whiskey, that when they grew older they would not indulge in those habits.

For a long time Mrs. Spicer was afflicted with a severe deafness, but she was a great reader and thus kept pace with the times and was able to talk intelligently on any subject. For many years she spent the winters at Chicago with her daughter, Mrs. Amelia Tyrrell, whose home was in that city, going and coming alone without accident or mistake.

How her dear patient face would light up when we consulted her about some work of the Union. Her house was like home to us every summer we met there, and often some member would exclaim, after her return from Chicago, "Well now doesn't this seem like home?" When last fall she requested us to call the people of South Edmeston together that she might

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look once more into their familiar faces before going away, it was to us a prophesy that it would be for the last time, and it will ever be a pleasant memory of the W.C.T.U. that they so heartily responded to her last wishes and that so many attended the supper given in her honor.

When in March from mouth to mouth the tidings were repeated, "Mrs. Spicer is dead," we felt the shadow of the parting. She answered gladly to the Master's call, and thus ended, March 10th, at the age of 86, a beautiful and useful life.

She was the last of her generation, a loving mother, a wise counselor and a faithful Christian, but her influence is still with us and can never be lost. Her remains arrived at South Edmeston March 13, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Amelia Tyrrell, and a grandson, Percy Tyrrell. The funeral was held in the church where many came to pay her a last tribute of respect.

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