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MRS. ORRIN TERRY

The late Mrs. Orrin Terry was Adaline Dunbar, the oldest daughter of John Dunbar and Eunice Fitts who came into East Hamilton quite early in the present century and resided near the mills known as Dunbar's mills where she was born Dec. 10th, 1810. The Dunbars were thrifty Massachusetts people. Mrs. Terry's grandfather was a resident of Charlton, Worcester Co., where her father, John, was born. After living in Hamilton for a time, he returned to his old home to take care of his father, and here Mrs. Terry's girlhood was spent and her subsequent home until 1837 when her father with his family moved to the farm where she died. While in Charlton she received her school education and became a teacher.

She had a brother, Pascheal, who died in Michigan and another, Roderick, who died in Wisconsin. Her only surviving brother is Aaron, of Hamilton. A younger sister was Mrs. Chester Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry were married Oct. 18, 1838 and never had any children of their own; but their generous and sympathizing natures have all their lives found expression in being the best of parents to the neglected and orphan children of others, educating them, finding homes and spheres of usefulness for them.

Among our experiences of the first needs of war was the Sanitary commission, heralded in good measure by the eloquence of Mrs. [Mary] Livermore of Boston; and it was taken up by Mrs. Terry with Mrs. Sylvester Gridley, in the town of Marshall, with an interest and energy that brought success. On one occasion when, Mrs. Terry appealed to a farmer busy with his cider mill, for a contribution to the sick and wounded in battle, he said he "had nothing to give. Every thing was going to the dogs and he had no means of getting any money." "Well give us the use of your cider mill for only one day and we will be satisfied." He did so and thus added over four dollars to the fund. On all like occasions she was often called on for aid and advice and never in vain.

She was a sincere and earnest believer in the fullness of God's mercy to the end. and that when one's whole duty is faithfully done, as the heart and light of the soul understands it, Christ's mission is complete in the salvation of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry's golden wedding nearly five years ago, was an extremely happy meeting of their friends and early companions and will be long remembered.

Mrs. Terry has suffered from a severe illness during the later part of the winter but had recovered so as to be about nearly as usual, and the week previous to her death had visited friends in Clinton and Hamilton. On the

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morning of the following Tuesday, the 8th, she was sitting at breakfast joining in the conversation when suddenly as she began leaning to one side over her chair, her son, Marinus, caught her in his arms and carried her to her bed. All effort to revive her was fruitless. She had passed away without a sigh, or a look or a word. Her grandfather, and a sister, had died in the same sudden way.

The funeral on Friday last was largely attended at their pleasant home east of Peck's Corners, on the road from Waterville to Clinton. The clergyman conducting the services was the Rev. Luther Rice of Watertown [Universalist]. Besides immediate neighbors many were from surrounding villages. Among relatives were her nephews, Rev. Edward Bacon from Boston; Norval R. Bacon from Toledo, Ohio; Freeman, Irving and Edmund Terry from Waterville; a cousin, Mrs. Otis Webster from Clinton, her brother, Aaron Dunbar and wife from Hamilton; Mrs. Nathan Brownell and Miss Mary Hunt from Hubbardsville; Dr. and Mrs. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes of Clinton and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan from Madison. Her nephews were her pall bearers. She was buried in the Waterville cemetery.

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