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Wilder

Miss Cora A. Wilder, a prominent resident of Victor, died suddenly at her home on West Main street, Thursday morning March 2d. She had recently suffered from a severe cold, which confined her to her home for about a week, but had resumed her work, two weeks or more ago, and went daily to her office in Canandaigua. She visited friends Wednesday evening, and was apparently in her usual health when she retired. Mrs. Mary Gardner, who for many years has lived with Miss Wilder, called her Thursday morning, and found that she had passed away in her sleep.

Miss Wilder was born in Victor on August 8, 1858, the daughter of Jabez and Sarah M. Wilder. She attended school in Victor and Rochester, and evidenced ability along business lines. While the late Bolivar Ellis was clerk of Ontario county, she took a position in the county clerk's office, where she remained through several administrations. Upon the completion of her work there she became associated with W. G. Lightfoote of the county clerk's office in making abstracts of property titles and in this work she continued most successfully until her death. She was twice candidate for the office of county clerk on the Democratic ticket and received a vote that was highly complimentary in a strong Republican county. She was a devoted member of St. Paul's Universalist church, and had been superintendent of the Sunday School and president of the missionary society. She was a woman of sterling character, decided in her opinions, faithful and painstaking in the performance of any duty, and kind hearted and thoughtful in her relations to her fellows. Many friends will miss her from her accustomed paths. The surviving relatives are two uncles, Richard and Herbert May of Onondaga county, and several cousins, among the latter being Mrs. Linus Boughton of Victor.

Funeral services will be held in St. Paul's Universalist church at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. J. L. [Jasper LeRoy] Everton, will officiate. Burial will be made in Boughton Hill cemetery.

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In the sudden passing of Miss Cora A. Wilder on March 1, both the community in which she lived and the Universalist church of Victor, N.Y., met with irreparable loss. Born in the country near Victor and educated in the public schools of the town, and in the seminary in Rochester conducted by the late Martha Bortle, Miss Wilder spent the whole of her busy life in Victor and its immediate vicinity. For many years she had the care of her aged parents, in addition to the heavy demands of her active business life. She was always a regular attendant at the services of the church and Sunday School. As one of the charter members of the local Y.P.C.U. she was for many years a leader in its activities and served for a number of years as member of the executive board of the National Union. When a Mission Circle was organized in her church she gave it her loyal support and was for several years its president. Therefore it was eminently fitting that during the week following her death the Circle, which had been dormant for some time, should be reorganized under the name of the "Cora A. Wilder Mission Circle."

On the day of her funeral the church was crowded with those who were fortunate enough to count her as their friend, and her beloved pastor, Rev. J. L. Everton, paid the last words of tribute.

Nelson L. Lobdell

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