

PONTIAC

## Obituary.

Hannah, the wife of John Snyder, died at her late home on Weston street, Thursday evening, April 15, after a lingering illness, of paralysis, aged 55 years, 7 months and 12 days.

Early in the year of 1885 the deceased had a shock of paralysis from which she partially recovered. During the first days of November she was prostrated with a second attack, paralyzing her left side, from the effects of which she was helpless until she died. To herself and family it has been truly a "winter of discontent" and great suffering of mind and body. The knock at the door of the insidious messenger to the family and friends was a fatal admonition, only a short waiting when the best and most faithful of earthly friends would be called home, to mingle and sympathize with them no more.

To her who was called, the hours were weary and painful. She realized that the summons meant a dissolution of earthly ties and a transition to the unchanging realities of Heaven. Her work is finished and well done. Her lot in life was not cast on a blooming plain of ease, there were thorns in her path that probed and bruised her pleasure and happiness. With christian fortitude and without murmuring, she met life's duties. Like her Divine Master and greater Physician, she visited the bed side of the suffering, and with sympathizing, loving hands, administered consolation and hope to the afflicted. When such as she pass away there is an aching void, a link dropped from Charity's golden chain with fastenings in Heaven. Clinging to this strong christian cord with weary hands, she has climbed to her eternal home, where a generous, Heavenly Father will reward his faithful child and co-worker. Such a life, to the living, dissipates all doubts as to the future of the departed and will remain with them, a perpetual light and guide to equal joys and eternal blessings.

Mrs. Snyder was born in Decatur, Otsego county, New York, on the 28th of August, 1831. Came to Michigan in 1849, and moved to Pontiac from Dearborn in 1862. She united with the M. E. church in this city, under the ministrations of Rev. W. H. Shier, and until her death was a faithful follower of Him whom, often during her sickness she called and clung to as her great physician. Those only who have lost a faithful wife and devoted mother can fully appreciate the loss the family have sustained; but their loss is her gain.

It is due to the husband to say that in his severe and tried affliction he has been faithful to her every want, ministering night and day to the alleviation of her suffering.

She leaves a husband, one child, Mrs. Ella Smith, one grand child, two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Powell and Mrs. Ely Marsh, of Oxford, and many relatives who all feel they lost a dear friend.

The funeral was held from her late home last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. T. Allen preaching the sermon, when the remains were buried on the family lot in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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