



MRS. LAURA ASH.

Mrs. Ash was a prominent worker in the Congregational society of Chester and highly respected for her good womanly qualities in all the affairs of the community which labored for its best interest. For the past two years she has been the valued correspondent of the LEADER at Chester, and none outside of her immediate family and friends were more filled with regret and disappointment than its publisher and associates upon receiving the unwelcome news of her being so quickly called away. Being thus called, in her younger womanhood leaving husband, and three children of tender age, words can only reach those who are left behind, and to them we join in extending our sincere sympathy.

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thies. As even the sparrows fall is not unnoted by He who is always present to guide, so will his sustaining strength and guidance be surely present continuously with this family in their affliction and loss.

The funeral was held at the home on Wednesday at eleven o'clock, and burial at the Gresham cemetery.

MARY JANE GRINER.

Mrs. Mary Jane Griner was born in Wayne Co. Ohio, November 17, 1837, and passed away at her home just east of town on Thursday, Jan. 30, at age of 75 years, 2 months and 13 days. She was united in marriage at her Ohio home in 1860 to Mr. Griner and they resided there for some years, finally coming to Michigan in 1883 and locating in Vermontville where they have resided ever since. Two children came to bless this union, one dying in infancy, the other child being Orris Griner who is well known to all and who now resides at Nashville.

The funeral services were held Saturday from her late home, her pastor, Rev. Leamon, conducting the services, and she was laid at rest in the family lot in Woodlawn.

ASAHEL G. HAWKINS.

Asahel G. Hawkins was born in Lenawee Co., Michigan, March 10, 1842, and died at his home in Vermontville Feb. 1, 1913, aged 70 years, 11 months and 10 days. On Sept. 26, 1860, in his eighteenth year, he was married to Lucinda L. Williams and for 52 years and over they traveled together the pathway of life. Two years ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Four sons and

one daughter came to brighten their union: George B. and L. B. of Lansing, Mrs. Anna Renth of Chicago, Clyde and Elmer of Vermontville. The family has been an unbroken family all these years. Now the angel Death has come at last and taken away the husband and father. Besides the wife and children an only brother, James Hawkins of Charlevoix, and a grandson, Asahel G. of Lansing, survive him.

Mr. Hawkins has been a great sufferer. For many months he has been under the constant care of his loved ones; his wife especially always near him, caring for his interests and ministering to his needs with devotion and tenderness. For four months he was perfectly helpless and suffered intensely. He was always glad to have his friends drop in for a quiet chat. The pastor of the family was always welcomed and the gospel message he brought cheered and sustained the sufferer. As he neared the Valley of the Shadow the prospect of the Larger Life became brighter and his resignation to the Divine Will complete. Our hope is strong for a blessed and joyous meeting in the home, "not made with hands but eternal in the Heavens."

The funeral service was held at the home Monday afternoon, Feb. 3, in charge of the pastor, Rev. T. H. Leamon. The Masonic fraternity of which he was a lifelong member, was represented by a large number of his brothers. A large gathering of neighbor and friends also testified to their sympathy. His body was taken to

the Vermontville cemetery, his brother Masons acting as bearers in conveying the casket to its last resting place.

The out of town relatives are: Mr. James A. Hawkins, only brother, of Charlevoix; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herrington, of Lansing; Mrs. Rosa Purchase, of Holland; Mrs. Frank Purchase, Mrs. Elmer Cross, of Nashville; and Earl French of Charlotte.

Dr. Franklin L. Snell.

Dr. Franklin L. Snell, one of the best known men of western Eaton county and a veteran of the Civil war, passed away at his home in Kalamo village Sunday morning, January 26, following an extended illness.

Dr. Snell was a native of New England, being born in Charleston, Vermont, July 10, 1844. His early education was obtained in the common schools of that state, at Derby academy and Hiram college. At 18 years of age he enlisted as a member of the 50th. Mass. Volunteers and served during the Civil war. At its close he completed his schooling and followed teaching for a time to earn means to fit himself for his chosen profession, the practice of medicine. He attended the medical college of Missouri at St. Louis, and afterwards graduated from the Detroit Homeopathic college in 1875. He came to Kalamo in 1876 where he located and engaged in practice where he has since continuously lived except two years in Albany, Oregon and one year in Lansing and