

Death.

In peaceful submission, Mrs. Mary J. Kimball answered the heavenly summons at the close of day on July 25. A stroke of paralysis twelve days previous had rendered her helpless, and at times unconscious. Gradually her strength failed and with the loss of physical activity the mind weakened and it became evident that the life work of this good woman had ended.

Relatives, neighbors and other friends assembled at her home on Sunday afternoon to pay their last tribute of affection and respect to this beloved woman. The capacity of the house was taxed to the utmost, and many found seats outside. Mrs. Kimball's pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Caulkins, officiated, and spoke in deepest sympathy to the afflicted, and in highest praise of the deceased. As an especially fitting testimony he read the last twenty-one verses of Proverbs 31, which extol the virtuous woman. The ladies' quartet effectively rendered "One sweetly, solemn thought" and "Lead kindly light." Amid a profusion of floral tributes the body was laid to rest beside that of her husband in the family lot at Westlawn cemetery.

Mary J. Hutchins was born in Carlisle on December 17, 1835. At the age of three years she moved with her parents and brothers to Westford, where she made her home until she married Allan Kimball on July 4, 1858, and came with him to Littleton, where she has lived ever since. Mr. Kimball's death occurred twelve years ago. Two brothers of the deceased gave up their lives in sacrifice for their country in the civil war, a half-sister died many years ago, and two brothers, Stevens and Melbourne Hutchins, have passed away but recently, so that Mrs. Kimball was the last of the well-known Hutchins family. She is survived by a step-daughter, Alice M., who shared the affection and devotion of the own children—Frank M., of Boston; Everett, of Littleton; Henry Elmer, of Worcester; George A., of Parker Village, and Mrs. Henry J. Couper, of Littleton. She leaves, also, fourteen grandchildren, whose lives have been cheered and strengthened by her love and active interest in their welfare. Nieces and nephews, too, mourn the loss of a kind aunt.

Mrs. Kimball was a remarkable woman, a fine example of the Puritan type; strong in body and in mind, pure in heart, tender and far-reaching in her sympathies, industrious, and loyal to the highest ideals of daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt and neighbor. Few have been able to accomplish so much in the home and give assistance to those in need outside the family.

"Hers was the most unselfish christian life it has ever been my good fortune to meet," says one who lived close to her for more than fifty years. In the church, in her hospitable home, among the neighbors, she was ever the same cheery, kind-hearted, sympathetic woman of blameless life and exemplary character.