

## Obituary.

Mr. Alex. Moffatt died at 4:45 last Saturday afternoon. The deceased died from heart trouble and he had been a sufferer for several years. He was also subject to severe attacks of asthma which no doubt hastened his death. Last summer he was over at Wimbledon attending to a contract he had there and one day stood in a drizzling rain and caught cold. This brought on a bad attack of asthma and heart trouble and he had been confined to his home ever since, getting better and worse until the past two or three weeks when he rapidly grew worse and died last Saturday. He suffered very much at times but through it all bore it heroically and bravely. He was a christian man and died strong in faith that he would go to that home where sorrow and trouble is not known. His last coherent words practically in which he said farewell to his bereaved wife and children was that it was well with his soul and that he was going ahead a short time. He tried to comfort them all through his sickness and was happy at the thought that he was going to his eternal home. He was a man of few words but a deep thinker. He lived a life of uprightness and tried to live up to the golden rule. Alexander Moffatt was a good man and Cooperstown has lost an honored citizen. He was born November 21, 1840, near Edinburg, Scotland and moved to Canada in 1864. He served in the Fenian raid and was awarded a medal for bravery by Queen Victoria. He was married April 26, 1867 at Fergus, Canada, to Mary Jane Milner. He moved to Valley City in 1880, and to Sanborn in 1882 where he engaged in contracting remaining there until 1895 when the family moved to this place. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt all of whom are now living, the death of the father making the first break in the family chain. The children are: Mrs. Minnie Reese, Sanborn; Thomas Moffatt, Valley City; Robert Moffatt, Cooperstown; Mrs. C. A. Hoar, Crow River. Minn., John Moffatt, Cooperstown; Mrs. H. C. McDaniel, Aneta; Mrs. Myma Abbott, Aneta; Mrs. Theo. Marquardt, Miss Jessie Moffatt and William B. Moffatt, of Cooperstown. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church Monday afternoon, Rev. V. H. Ruring preaching the sermon. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers, one piece representing "gates ajar" being exceptionally beautiful. The remains were interred in the Cooperstown cemetery. To the sorrow stricken wife who has lost her helpmate and to the children who have lost their father the sympathy of this community goes out.