

OBITUARY.

DIED.—In this village, Sunday morning, December 11th, 1904, at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Ira Barton, aged 59 years.

The funeral of Mrs. Ira Barton was held Tuesday afternoon in the Congregational church, Rev. Joseph N. Haskell officiating. The church was filled with friends testifying to the love in which Mrs. Barton was held.

Mary Howe Scott was born in Indiana Aug. 15, 1845, and was married to Dr. Ira Barton, Dec. 17, 1871. After twelve years in Raymond, Ill., they moved to Pingree, N. D. The last thirteen years have been passed in Sanborn. In these years of happy married life three children have been born to them, two of whom still live.

These years in Sanborn have been for Mrs. Barton years of weakness and pain, with dread disease slowly tightening about her life but never gripping her heart or her will. She has been patient, helpful, brave,—the maker of man's greatest blessing in the earthly life, a Christian home. Kindly and uplifting as a mother should be; faithful and trusting and inspiring with a true wife's love.

As far as strength would permit she has joined with the followers of Jesus in their organized activities for righteousness; a member of the Central Congregational church and of the W. C. T. U.

Many of us know that in quiet, unobtrusive ways she has served and loved her neighbor as herself; with thoughtfulness for others to the very end.

For many days she had been gradually growing weaker, until last Sunday morning just after 10 o'clock she fell asleep. At the very last she smiled upon her dear ones, and then very peacefully went home; her face lighted up with the gentle smile, as of a soul seeing its "Pilot face to face" and standing at the throne of God.

Shall we not read the words of the wisdom-writer of old Israel: "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Besides the husband and children she leaves one sister, Mrs. Boynton of Jamestown, and a half-brother and half-sister in Illinois.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family in their loss.