

JANE A. BARWISE

Died, at her late residence, in Rochester, Feb. 23rd, 1897, Jane A. Barwise.

Jane A. Underwood was born April 7th 1833, in Avon Township, Michigan.

She attended school in Rochester and for a time was a student at the Normal at Ypsilanti.

She taught school ten years in the township, the last two years of her teaching being in the intermediate department of the public schools of Rochester.

She was a member of the Universalist church and closely allied to its interests.

She was married to Isaac Barwise March 21st, 1862.

Her husband, her daughter Eva, and her son John survive her.

She was stricken with paralysis about 11 o'clock Monday night and passed away Tuesday evening at 7:30, without a struggle, having never regained consciousness.

‘Heaven, that knows
The anguish of our natures,
Must applaud loves debt, when
 Decent paid,
Nor can the bravest mortal blame
 The tear
That glitters on the bier of fallen worth’

Mrs. Barwise was a woman of more than ordinary ability and that combined with no mean culture of brain and heart made her distinguished for many noble characteristics. In her extensive acquaintance with the people of Avon township, going in and out among her neighbors and friends for so many years, it is no wonder that all speak of her worth, and regret that one to whom the community owes so much should amid the activities of life be so suddenly removed. She was a woman of earnest conviction and when opportunity presented itself, spoke out, and with no uncertain sound made known her mind on all subjects of public interest, and always on every moral question she was found on the right side.

She was a good neighbor, a sympathetic friend, a reliable counselor, a devoted member of the church of her choice, and in the organizations of which she held important positions was a tower of strength, giving stability, by her womanly dignity and courtly presence. But in her own immediate home circle as wife and mother can it truly have been said: ‘She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness’, for no matter in what outside work she had an interest, the home duties were

always first and foremost. Husband and children were her first care, and to them she gave her heart's allegiance.

Her funeral obsequies were held from the family residence Saturday the 27th with many friends paying their last respects. The tribute of beautiful flowers from the W.C.T.U., the R.W.C., Detroit and other loving friends and the words of consolation from Rev. Wilmot of Utica, helped to lift the last sad rites from their gloom. She will be missed in the home, and everywhere she was wont to go. We cannot help our mourning but

‘Reason, and religion, better taught,
Congratulate the dead, and crown
The tomb
With wreaths triumphant.’

S.M.B.F.

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