

HARTSON GILLETTE

Died, while on a visit with his daughter, in New York City, on the early morning of April 7th. HARTSON GILLETTE; aged 70 years. He was buried Friday afternoon, the 6th, at Woodlawn, on the Connecticut shore of the Sound, just outside of New York, and within a few hours ride of his old birthplace.

Nearly three years ago our daughter came home on account of her father's poor health, and she has remained with him the most of the time since then, as he was so anxious for her presence, she could only have him for a short season; and when she came for him to go to New York with her a few weeks ago, it seemed an opportune moment to him, as he had long desired to visit his old birth place and to find a little home on the shore of the Sound; and to that purpose he had advertised our property for sale; and in that consideration I also had for some time held correspondence with friend and persons of influence in that vicinity; and it seems an especial guiding by which he was led to his rest in the lovely garden so near where we all desired to make our future home. He was as eager as a child to go with his daughter; and he enjoyed every step of the journey with enthusiastic delight and was completely happy as long as consciousness lasted.

He had the best of medical counsel and treatment, the most capable of nurses, and his daughter's constant presence and loving care. The Rev. Dr. Eaton, of the Chapin Church was at his bedside when, in consciousness, but unable to speak, he passed peacefully away, without a struggle or a moan – like one falling into a sweet sleep, with his hand in the hand of the daughter he so loved, and who was so faithful in her devotion to him. He was surrounded during his sickness by noble friends among whom were Rev. Mrs. C. A. Soule, returned missionary from Europe, and Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, President of New York Sorosis, and also President of the U. W. National and Foreign Missionary Association; and also my mother's youngest brother who has a beautiful home on the Hudson – as well as a lowly one in Woodlawn; so that my husband, my child's father sleeps with his wife's kindred. The service was attended by Dr. Eaton, assisted by Dr. Mason of Pullman Church.

And so, in God's heaviest chastenings there is enfolded His mercy. For the rest, our dear Lord gives His consolation and His strength to those who trust him.

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