

MRS. SARAH GOODISON

Died, at her late residence on 5th Street, Rochester, Saturday afternoon, November 7, 1891, after a long and painful illness. Sarah, wife of Charles S. Goodison, aged 60 years, 7 months and 18 days.

Mrs. Goodison, nee Brands, was born in New Jersey March 9, 1831. She was married in June '52 and with husband came to Michigan in 1856, locating in Rochester three years later, since which time they have both lived here. Deceased was the mother of five children – three sons surviving her, two of whom reside here.

Mrs. Goodison was a woman of strong convictions and endowed with many virtues. Possessed of Marked individuality and great strength of purpose, she entered upon her life work with a will and intensity that always carried conviction.

About the year 1851 she experienced religion and joined the M. E. Church, and from that period to the day she succumbed to disease she was a faithful and persistent worker in the church of her choice. When the M. E. Church was first organized in Rochester, Mrs. G. was one of the charter members and her zeal in the cause of her Master was always unabated. The writer, who had known her during the past 18 years, can bear testimony to her devotion and spirit of self-sacrifice in her religious duties, and to her the M. E. Church of Rochester owes much for its existence. At one time when a great debt hung over the church and everything looked dark and forbidding, Mrs. Goodison started out on a mission among the women alone and succeeded by her own efforts in raising \$400 – certainly a Godsend to the struggling church. And all along to the day of her last illness had she been a great worker and an essential factor in the church she loved so well.

For the past two years she had been a great sufferer, but was patient and hopefully waited for the great change, finally going to sleep like a tired child.

Funeral services were held from the M. E. Chapel on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. W. J. Campbell officiating, assisted by Rev. Schermerhorn. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Her remains were laid to rest in Rochester Cemetery.

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