

LIFE'S SLENDER THREAD BROKEN

Mrs. Maggie Talcott Passed Away on Thursday After Illness of Three Months' Duration.

MEMBER OF M. E. CHURCH

Funeral Held Saturday at Dow City, Wis. Largely Attended, Many From Distance Present.

Dow City, Dec. 7.—(Special to the Review)—The life of Mrs. Maggie Talcott, which has hung by a slender thread for the past three weeks, came quietly and peacefully to a close last Thursday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock. From the time she was stricken no hope had been entertained for her recovery. She knew as well as those at the bedside that her time of departure was at hand and she awaited the final moment, resigned and willing to go. Her words as spoken to her pastor, Rev. A. B. Adams, were: "I am so weary, so weary waiting. I cannot understand it now, but I shall understand it some time. I am waiting, only waiting." Her life was a witness to the reality of a Christian's hope and throughout long years of service her faith never dimmed.

Maggie Wilson was born Aug. 2, 1842 at Lockwinock, Scotland, the younger of two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson. Her father died when she was but a year old. In 1845 her mother, with the two children, moved to Bridge of Wier. In 1856 they came to America, locating in Maine. The elder daughter, having married, came west to live and located near Dow City on a farm. In the year 1867 Maggie and her mother came to this sister, Mrs. George Rae. On November 4th, the following year, 1868, she was married to West H. Talcott, and to this union four children were born. Sybil, the eldest child and only daughter, died at the age of six years, and a little less than a year later the father passed out of this life. Wilson, the eldest son, died in August, 1905, and Benjamin, the youngest, in December, 1906, leaving George M., the only surviving child, with his wife and two children. After the husband's death she, with her sons, moved from their farm to Dow City, where they lived until 1890. In that year they bought a farm east of Dow City. This home was hers until the last, making the same with George, her only surviving son, who, with his wife and sons, Wilson, West and William, made her declining years a joy.

During her early married life she united with the United Brethren church on Pretty Prairie and later became a charter member of the Dow City Methodist Episcopal church. In this connection she has been a very active and devoutly interested worker, serving for several years as Sunday school superintendent and many more years as teacher. In this capacity she came in contact with scores of people who have been sweetly influenced by her love and kindly character. Many are the souls that have been cheered and lifted up by Aunt Maggie's comforting words. Her presence, the sound of her voice, the touch of her hand, was a very Balm-of-Gilead to sorrowful hearts. She was loved and revered by all and her work of love and her benign influence will live for years in this community.

How brief is the above sketch of one whose life has touched two continents. How inadequate it is to express more than briefly some of the epochs of her life. First, a fatherless child, secondly, a home in a new world, thirdly, a happy marriage relation; fourthly, the husband and some of the children slipping away into eternity; next, a widow's struggle to make a home and living for her little family, and on down the line until finally she is overtaken with declining years and illnesses. And then a day when she too quietly and sweetly slips away to join those on the other shore. She has kept the faith and goes out to meet her Lord and Master as triumphantly as did Elijah of old. Through her deeds of love and mercy she has earned a crown of righteousness, her soul will be clothed in a spotless robe of righteousness, ornamented with gems of un fading beauty woven there by kindly deeds, her face will wear a smile of eternal day.

The funeral services were held on Saturday, December 4th, at 2 p. m. at the M. E. church, the services being conducted by Rev. Albert B. Adams, assisted by Rev. J. L. Boyd, of Denison, one of her former pastors. The choir sang her favorite hymns and the services were simple and unostentatious, in keeping with her wish and her life. The funeral was largely attended, many from a distance coming to pay their last tribute of respect to this dear woman. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in the silent white city on the hill beside her loved ones who have crossed over. All Crawford county mourns her departure for her going has left a void in our hearts, for to us all there can be but one "Aunt

Maggie." We extend our tenderest sympathies to the bereaved ones.

BROGAN ITEMS

Mr. John Nelson, of Odeboit, was a business caller in Herring Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyers were shopping in Denison Thursday last.

Mrs. Gus Andresen and Mrs. F. J. Fogelwalt spent last Friday in Odeboit shopping and visiting with friends.

Mrs. A. J. Slechta entertained the G. L. F. W. club Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Maynard underwent an operation Thursday in the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha. Mr. Schwartz, of Boyer, father of Mrs. Maynard, and Mrs. J. C. Dose and Mr. Maynard accompanied her to Omaha. We are glad to report that the patient is recovering nicely at this time.

Mr. William Kelley, of Grandpa Kelley, as he was usually known in this vicinity, passed away at the home of his son, Frank, where he has made his home since the death of his wife, about twelve years ago. He was an old settler here having come to this neighborhood about forty years ago. He leaves to mourn his death three sons, Frank, William and John and one daughter, Mrs. John Downey, all of whom resided near their father. He also leaves seventeen grandchildren. He was buried in Wall Lake Sunday beside his wife. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved ones at this time of sorrow.

Mrs. B. McLaughlin is reported as ill at this time, which is sad news to her many friends who hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. W. H. Meyers shipped two loads of cattle to the market on Saturday evening. Other shipments were made by Frank Alfond, W. W. Dean, two cars, and Gus Anderson and Clark Winans each one.

Ms. and Mrs. Frank Meyers, of Auburn, called at the Frank Corn home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell autoped down to Deloit Friday, where they had some dental work done.

William Klimes and Lew Kerrigan had their hogs vaccinated last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jans visited with friends in Deloit on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dozark were pleasant Sunday guests at the Frank Dozark home.

Mrs. W. H. Meyers was a guest of her friend, Mrs. Frank Corn, on last Sunday.

Puzzle of the Arctic Tern.
Ornithologists have finally awarded first place as migrator to the arctic tern. Recent investigations have proved beyond all question that this bird of mystery makes a flight every year totaling 22,000 miles. It is on the wing literally twenty weeks out of the fifty-two, with a daily average flight of approximately 150 miles. When it is winter in the northern hemisphere the tern is feeding at the edge of the antarctic circle, far south of Cape Horn. When spring banishes winter, it returns to the arctic, 11,000 miles away from its winter quarters, to build its nest in the arctic regions. Almost with mathematical precision the tern arrives in the north every year on June 15 and on Aug. 25 begins its long southern flight. Curiously enough, reports of the birds seen en route are exceedingly rare. One or two have been seen in the last three or four years along the Long Island shore, but beyond this clue to the course they pursue nothing at all is known of the route they follow.—Philadelphia Record.

A Painter's Troubles.
The desire of the Bank of England officials to discover forgers has sometimes led to curious mistakes. On one occasion the painter, George Morland, in his eagerness to avoid his dues, retired to an obscure hiding place in Hackney, where his anxious looks and secluded manner of life induced some of his neighbors to believe him a forger of notes then in existence. The directors, on being informed, dispatched some dexterous detectives to the residence, but Morland's suspicious wry aroused by their movements in front of the house and, thinking them burglars, escaped from the back to London. Mrs. Morland informed the visitors of her husband's name and showed them some unfinished pictures. The facts were reported to the directors, who presented Morland with two twenty-pound notes by way of compensation for the alarm.

Radcliffe college girls are to play baseball which disposes of the idea that women are not capable of the classical education.

Church Notes

Presbyterian Church.

Remember the usual services Sunday, December 13th. The 10:30 a. m. sermon will be on the text Isaiah 40:31, "Renewed Strength."

The evening sermon at 7:30 p. m., "Preparedness."

Our large chorus choir is making our song service both morning and evening very interesting and devotional, and the orchestra which leads the evening song service is of great help. Come and hear them.

Thursday evening at 7:30 each week is bible study hour. One of the best services of the week. The ten greatest chapters of the bible are our subjects. It will be our aim to make these Thursday evening hours both greatly helpful to your Christian life and a means of social helpfulness as well.

Notice is hereby given to any who desire to unite with this church, that at your request the pastor and officers will be glad to meet with you to receive you. Let the pastor know, if possible, a day before.

Remember the children's class in preparation for church membership, meeting at 4:15 Friday p. m., and at the Junior Endeavor hour Sunday at 3 p. m. Do not forget boys and girls, that as frequently as possible the pastor will give you a special five minute talk at each morning preaching service.

Last week the ladies served 230 at the supper given to the congregation and the new members. A short program was given and a splendid social hour followed.

The members of the Presbyterian congregation were entertained at the church on Thursday evening of last week, the reception having been planned especially as a fitting welcome for the new members of the church. About two hundred and fifty guests were served at an elegant and sumptuous dinner at 6:30 in the basement of the church, which has recently been fitted up for occasions of this kind.

Following the dinner a program of exceptional interest was presented, voicing the hospitality of the church toward its congregation. Mrs. R. O. McConaughy, as president of the Ladies' Aid society, was in charge of the program, representing the various organizations of the church. Mr. S. McNiece addressed the guests on behalf of the session in a pleasant manner and Mr. W. D. Loney extended the cordial welcome of the Sunday school to all new members. Greetings from the Christian Endeavor society were heartily presented by William McHenry, followed by an appropriate and delightful message from Rev. J. C. Tourtellet, pastor of the church. Special music lent pleasant variety to the program. The evening was happily spent to all new members, and the same will be observed at the morning service next Sunday.

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The Queen Esther circle met in business session at the library club room on Monday evening, when arrangements were made for a Japanese tea room to be held at the McKim hall on next Saturday afternoon. An interesting letter sent by Nellie Swint, in charge of the Denison circle, was read. The greater part of the proceeds of the tea room will be used for this worthy cause.

One of the largest affairs of its kind ever held in the Methodist church of this city was the reception held on last Thursday evening. The occasion was arranged with the thought of welcoming the new members of the church and of creating a more intimate and pleasant relation between the members of the congregation.

Following a short social reception of the guests a program was carried out in which the various organizations of the church were represented. Mr. E. W. Pierce, superintendent of the Sunday school, emphasized the importance of the bible study classes of the Sunday school, followed by Mrs. Tom Norris, who brought clearly before the mind of those present the organization and the happy results of the Woman's Missionary societies. Prof. W. C. VanNess in a clever address, explained the activities of the official board of the church and Mr. Malcolm Heiden urged the young people to become interested in the work of the various organized classes of the Sunday school, such as the Senior and Junior Philathea and Senior and Junior Baraca classes. The sincere welcome of the Epworth League was extended by Miss Anna Wright and the Boosters of the recent tabernacle meetings enthusiastically sang one of their booster songs. A pleasant feature of the program was the singing of the song, "I Am So Glad That Jesus Loves Me," by little Eugene Eisman, Rev. J. L. Boyd, in a brief but cordial manner, addressed the guests and brought the program to a close.

Following the welcoming addresses and special music by the choir, a social hour was enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

The Jellyfish.

The Bay of Naples abounds in medusae, or jellyfish, often growing as large as two feet in diameter and weighing fifty and sixty pounds. Some of them shine at night with a greenish light and are known as noctiluca (night lanterns) by the natives. The jellyfish sometimes make migrations in great groups, sometimes so large and so thick as to impede the navigation of vessels, like the floating plants in the Sargasso sea of the tropics. These shoals of medusae, as they are called, may be so dense that a piece of timber plunged in among them will be held upright as if stuck in the mud, and ordinary rowboats cannot force their way through them. Their migrations have never been explained. They are irregular and occur at no particular season of the year and under no particular influences.

Marriage Licenses.

The following licenses to wed have been issued from the county clerk's office since the last issue of the Review: DeE, Peter, Brocken and Elizabeth Christensen; Dec. 6, John J. Jones and Elicia Fastje; Carl J. Pautsch and Anna DeMay.

COMPLIMENT WITH A HINT.

"So much has been written and spoken in criticism of Iowa's roads, and most of it is justly so, that a word of praise now and then comes as a pleasant surprise. In the record of work done by the Lincoln Highway association for the year ending Sept. 1, Iowa's share of the movement is spoken of as follows, in part:

"The progress made on the Lincoln Highway in Iowa during the past year has been exceptional, and has entailed the expenditure of a very considerable sum. The state has a highly efficient well organized highway department, and the Lincoln Highway, has been graded, crowned, drained and dragged in the best possible manner entirely across the state, the work of grading often necessitating cuts and fills from fifteen to thirty feet in depth."

"The progress in bridge building, which has been the outstanding feature of the work in the last two years, is commented upon as follows: "Practically every Lincoln Highway bridge in Iowa is of permanent reinforced concrete construction, with a minimum width of twenty feet."

"Now that the highway is properly graded and good bridges have been installed the next logical step is a permanent surface. What is termed 'exceptional progress' in Iowa would be considered 'way behind the times' in our neighboring states. Illinois has several sections of its highway hard surfaced. Indiana has sixty-eight miles of concrete under construction. In Ohio four out of every five miles on the highway are permanently surfaced."

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