

OBITUARY

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Grant Burton will be attended at the house of her eldest son, P. D. Burton, on this afternoon, at half-past 2 o'clock. She died at the home of P. D. Burton, in this city, April 1st, and was 72 years old.

Mrs. Burton was a native of Colebrook, Conn., the daughter of Dea. Elijah Grant, who was well known in that vicinity. She enjoyed educational advantages, which were exceptionally good for the time, at the Ipswich Female Seminary, Mass., then under the charge of her father's sister, Miss Z. P. Grant, assisted by Miss Mary Lyon, who afterward founded the Mt. Holyoke Sem. She caught the spirit of these noble and consecrated women, and was herself, in early womanhood, a successful teacher. In 1834 she came into the new state of Ohio, to assist in establishing the female seminary at Granville. She filled the position of associate principal. In 1836 she married Rev. Wm. Burton, then preaching at Athens, O. He afterward preached ten years at Piketon, in the same state. From there he removed his family to Jefferson, and thence to Austinburg, on the Western Reserve. These changes occupied seventeen years, when Mr. Burton was obliged to give up preaching on account of throat trouble. At his death in '58, Mrs. Burton was left in care of five children, a daughter and four sons, the youngest of whom was seven years of age. Two step-daughters, who owed their training largely to her, were at this time settled in homes of their own. Three of the sons came west in '63 and commenced farming five miles east of Grinnell, on land purchased by their father, ten years before. Mrs. Burton joined them the following summer. This change of life and associations proved an unhappy one for her. In a financial view it was an unfortunate step for the family. Her health was unequal to the cares and burdens which came upon her, and for many years her mind was clouded by a deep despondency. She has lived to see her sons retrieve the losses of those early years in other pursuits, and but for her ill health, would have passed her declining years in great comfort. She was so crippled by rheumatism as to be unable to mingle in society, or even to attend public worship. She endured her sufferings with remarkable patience, but when the end was near, spoke with great satisfaction of "the rest which remaineth for the people of God."

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