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Mrs. Harriet Gibbs Carter

Mrs. Harriet Gibbs Carter was born at Bridgewater, Vt., Jan. 29, 1823, and passed quietly away Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Manly with whom she has spent the greater portion of her later life. In 1845 she was united in marriage to Rev. Albert Carter of the Vermont Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, sharing the joys and sorrows of the pastorate until his death in 1852.

Mrs. Carter united with the Methodist Episcopal church at an early age and retained her relation to the Vermont church until the end. The last years of her life were spent in Grinnell, where she has quietly and peacefully awaited the call which would again unite her to those "loved long since and lost awhile."

She leaves one brother, Charles Gibbs, of Boston, Mass.; one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Manly of Grinnell, and three grandsons, Carter Manly, J. C. Manly, Jr., and Charles Morse Manly, all of Grinnell.

A Tribute to Mrs. Carter.

As the stars of the night were stealing away and losing their light in the beautiful sunlight of a peaceful Sabbath morning, a dear life stole away and was taken into that larger and more glorious life of Heaven.

It is with hearts full of loving appreciation for the inspiration of Mrs. Carter's life as she lived it in our midst that we say farewell. And it is with smiles, as she would have it, that we wave her as she enters in.

As each one of us came into her neighborhood, we were taken into her sisterhood, and each one of us knew that we had found a true, loyal, loving friend.

A rare friend she was with that gentle, beautiful courtesy that she brought from her cultured New England home.

How we shall miss seeing that familiar little figure starting out each pleasant summer afternoon to make a friendly call upon a neighbor.

How we shall miss the cheery "Good afternoon," "I'm very well, thank you," and the parting words, "Good-bye, take good care of yourself."

And every time we parted with her we said, "What a remarkable woman—95 and she doesn't seem past 70." "What a wonderful memory and what a keen interest in everything that is of interest to us, what a sense of humor and what perfect trust in her Heavenly Father."

Could anything be more inspiring than a life like Mrs. Carter's?

We, her neighbors, thank God for it and hold it as a beautiful memory.