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Mrs. Abigail A. Sargent died in Grinnell on Saturday, the 25th inst., after a serious illness of about two weeks. She was born in New York City, the daughter of Nathaniel Ellis and of Ann Eliza Ellis, Aug. 6th, 1831, where she resided till she was nine years old. She then accompanied her parents to their new home in Belfast, Maine, and somewhat later to Searsport. In the latter place she became acquainted with William W. Sargent, was associated with him in school, and they were married there in the year 1849.

She accompanied her husband on several trips to the West Indies while he was in command of a trading vessel, when she was only nineteen years old. On one voyage she made the daily reckonings of latitude and longitude for him when he was too sick to do it, and on another she rode calmly through a storm which broke down the masts of the vessel and came dangerously near filling it with water, and then she just as calmly passed over its side into the little boat which bore her over the huge waves to the rescuing ship.

In October, 1856, the Ellis family and the Sargent family removed from Searsport to Grinnell, where she has resided thirty seven years with the exception of a year and a half at her earlier home in Searsport. That goodly town had many attractions for the Sargents but not so many as this center of their labors and their hopes during most of their lives. Here they identified themselves with the Methodist Church to which she brought her letter from Searsport. They transferred their special connection to the Congregational Church during the pastorate of Dr. Sturtevant.

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Always cheerful, helpful and energetic, she left the tokens of her generous service in all the homes and in all society in those early days of all our town beginnings. During the Civil War, before her husband entered the army and while he was there, she was active in all army charities. Her service in the church was both personal and pecuniary, and always liberal. Her aid in the women's meetings will ever be remembered and her leadership in music will not be forgotten.

The sunny years with the departed which gladden the memories of the surviving husband and daughter are brightest prophesies of a reunion in the realms of highest christian hope.

Mr. W. W. Sargent and his daughter Emma desire to return their sincerest thanks to the friends who have been so kind in their bereavement in rendering assistance and in floral offerings. Also to the G.A.R., the O.E.S., the W.R.C., and those who furnished music at the funeral services.