

## MRS. ISABELLE RUTH CHIPMAN

Isabelle Ruth Chipman was born in Owego, NY, Feb. 15, 1833. She came to Michigan in 1838 with her parents, who settled in Avon Township, Oakland County. She was one of eight children – six brothers and one sister – only one brother and sister survive her.

Deceased lived in the neighborhood where her parents first settled until Jan. 1, 1857 when she was united in marriage to Cyrus Oscar Chipman, also of Avon. Their first eight years of married life was spent in Burnington, Lapeer Co. Returning from there they located in the village of Rochester, Mich., living there until May, 1883, when they came to Detroit, having lived here ever since, sixteen years in the house in which she died, the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

She was the mother of six children who had all been spared, until the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September last, when the eldest son, George, passed on, deeply mourned by all who knew him.

Deceased had been in failing health for some years, and for the last two years, unable to take any part in the outside world. She was a woman of more than ordinary ability and a most loving wife and mother. Her home and her family were the dearest objects of her affections and solicitude, and around this hallowed spot centered always an atmosphere of the purest and warmest affections. Her love of the beautiful in nature and the flowers of the wayside and the gardens was one of the strong characteristics of Mrs. Chipman's nature, and so long as it was possible she endeavored to cultivate those emblems of God's goodness.

She was a true friend, a strong partisan, never forgetting the old for the new. Principles of truth and justice were firmly implanted in her character and the downtrodden or oppressed found a loyal advocate in her. She had a love of poetry and could readily sentiments that fitted occasions. Hospitality was also a ruling point, as those who have been so royally entertained in the Chipman home can heartily attest. The home so long kept together has recently been suddenly broken, this being the third death within the last two months. First a daughter-in-law, then the son, George, and now the mother, who will be so sorely missed.

The highest and best encomium laid beside the remains of this friend, is that of husband, daughters, and sons, 'She was one of the best of wives and one of the best of mothers'.

The funeral took place from the residence, 64 Baltimore Ave., west, on Thursday, Nov. 12, conducted by the Rev. Bennett, pastor of the Cass Avenue M. E. Church. Internment at Woodlawn.

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