

MRS. CARR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Aged Woman Expires While Passing From Her Daughter's Home to Her Own.

Mrs. Eliza E. Carr, widow of the late John R. Carr, expired suddenly on the street last Saturday night while returning from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Martin, to her own home. Mrs. Carr was in the 81st year of her age, and has been in failing mental and physical health for the past two years. In her weakened condition of both body and mind, she had been the object of the tenderest and most constant care on the part of her daughters. Her daughter, Mrs. Vescelius, with whom she made her home, was undefatigable in her attentions; and when she left her home to attend a bazar being held by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, she was particular to warn her mother about going out as her other daughter, Mrs. Martin, was not at home, and besides the walking was very bad. She left her household assistant in charge of the house, with a caution to look carefully after the aged woman. The girl was seated in the dining room, while Mrs. Carr and her little granddaughter were in the library, the little girl sleeping in a chair. It was about nine o'clock when the aged woman, to quiet the vigilance of the attendant, said she would get something to throw

over the sleeping child, and going to the closet got her own overshoes and a shawl to throw over her head, and stole quietly out of the front door without attracting attention. She slipped and fell on the icy pavement before reaching the sidewalk, and two ladies who saw her fall went to her assistance. She got up laughing, and said the fall had not hurt her, and the ladies walked with her to Dr. Martin's home. Mrs. Martin had returned from a sleighride a few minutes before, and was on the second floor of her home when her mother arrived. She expressed her surprise at seeing her mother, and said the Doctor would be home in a short time, and insisted that her mother should remain until he came. After a very brief time Mrs. Carr insisted upon returning home, and her daughter went part way with her. Mrs. Martin left her mother when assured that she would have no trouble in getting home, and hurried back to her own home, because her little daughter had just retired and was alone in the house.

Mrs. Carr evidently went directly across the street and fell in the gutter, for Charles Christie, coming down High street, found her there. He raised her up, and she was conscious. She asked him who he was, and when he told her he asked in return who she was. She tried to answer him, but the words rattled in her throat and she fell back in his arms dead. Dr. Osmon went to his assistance, and while Christine held the dead woman in his arms the Doctor ran across the street to notify Mrs. Martin. So quickly had it all happened that Mrs. Martin had not reached her room when notified of her mother's death. She was carried tenderly to her own home, and the shocking intelligence was conveyed to her daughters, Mrs. Vescelius and Mrs. John H. Sharp.

Mrs. Carr was the youngest daughter of John H. Fleming, long since deceased, and she would have celebrated her 81st birthday next July. Her distinguished husband died a little more than a year ago, and she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Maria Merrell, aged 88 years, of Vienna, and her three married daughters, all residents of Hackettstown. Mrs. Carr has been a resident of Hackettstown for many years, and during all the years of her activity was most highly regarded for womanly worth and womanly dignity. The shock of death, in itself, is great, even when age and infirmity have robbed life of its pleasures; but the shock in this instance is intensified by the time and place of the dissolution, and the whole community, in a way, participates in the sorrow and the sympathy that is felt for the immediate families.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from her late home, her father, Rev. J. C. Chapman, conducting the services, with interment in Union Cemetery.

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