

Union cause. His business called him often to China and Japan, and the house in Boston was decorated from rafter to cellar with the beautiful products of his journeyings. He left six children, still living in the State of his adoption.

It will be seen that after the father's death, in 1857, the family at No. 34 was a very remarkable one; the widow and five daughters lived on in the old home. Only one of the sisters had married; Caroline, who had married Frederick Greenleaf, lived in Worcester, and, with her, her sister Adeline; but a few years later both of them returned to the homestead, and eventually both died there; thus Caroline was born, married, and died in the same house. She survived her husband twenty-two years, dying in 1872.

In 1860, less than three years after the father's death, the first break in the family was caused by the death of Sally, the third daughter, who passed away after a long and most painful illness, borne with inspiring fortitude. She had been for many years a teacher in the West Church Sunday school, having a class of young ladies, some of whom still survive to bear testimony to her conscientious instruction and striking personal refinement. A few months later she was followed by Abby, the oldest daughter, whose summons was as sudden as that of her sister had been prolonged. These deaths made a profound change in the family life. Both had been among the most high-spirited of the sisters, and Abby in especial had been the life of the family. She was musical and witty, and a favorite with people of all ages. One of her bright sayings is still often quoted: In the corner of the entry has long stood a tall, eight-day, Willard clock;