

A few weeks before her death, which occurred in her ninety-sixth year, she was visited by a granddaughter by marriage, who had never seen her before, and who was astonished to find her so strong, and with a face so fair, making for herself a dress. After much talk and many surprises, she said to her grandmother: "I shall next expect to hear that you have been getting married." "Well," she said, "there is an old gentleman of 84, somewhat younger than I, with lots of money, who comes to see me often; if he should propose, there might be some danger."

The day before she died, she ate of some vegetable food which caused her to complain of feeling weak and tired. Desiring rest, she laid herself down for a short nap before dinner. When called, she did not respond, and when approached she seemed in a sweet sleep. But, with all her senses unimpaired, she had reached the "Pearly Gates" she had so long talked about. Hers was a useful life and a peaceful death, in which there was no "King of Terrors"—only the angel of repose.

William Thomas d. April 15, 1857, aged 82. He had twelve children, as follow:—

130. DWIGHT THOMAS, b. Sept. 17, 1800; m. 1st Mabel Townsend, 2d Dorcas Brimmer; d. Oct. 27, 1878, and left issue.

131. ABIGAIL THOMAS, b. April 3, 1802; d. Nov. 20, 1881, unm., aged 79.

She had a very good education for a woman of those days; was early a member of the Congregational Church, and was engaged to go out as the wife of a young missionary to some far-off and savage land, but, failing to convince her parents that she should make such a sacrifice, she remained behind: while he went, unmarried, to his field of labor. Sometime after this she was engaged in millinery and dressmaking at Troy and at Buffalo, N. Y. After a few years she retired from business and ever after was housekeeper where most needed, in one or another of her brothers' or sisters' families. She aspired to more than she realized, but her life was a useful one.

132. WILLIAM B. THOMAS, b. Jan. 24, 1804.

He early showed a taste for mechanical work, and, after the removal of his father and family to Williamstown, Mass., apprenticed himself to Amassa Shattuck, the leading cabinetmaker in that place. After serving his time and