

high up on a ledge on one side is kept its key, while on the corresponding ledge on the other side is the key of the family burial vault on the Common; "Time and Eternity," she called these keys; and often since then have these words come back with startling significance as one after another of the family has left time behind and passed onward into eternity.

When Mrs. Otis died, four single daughters survived her. Four years later, Adeline died suddenly. She was a person of beautiful character, having an unusual combination of great spirit and ready wit, united with rare gentleness and warmth of affection: —

"The sweetest woman ever Fate,
Perverse, denied a household mate."

She had been entirely devoted to Caroline and her son ever since the death of Mr. Greenleaf, living with them in Worcester for many years. Dr. Joseph Sargent, of Worcester, said that Mrs. Greenleaf's son was the only child of two mothers, — alluding to Adeline's maternal devotion to him.

Jane was the youngest daughter. She had been the beauty of the family, and much given to society, in her earlier days. She had a pleasant, amiable disposition, and was passionately fond of flowers. For many years she devoted herself to the failing strength of her aged mother. When Jane died, in 1887, there remained only Hannah and Mary.

One of the most striking features of the family life, for more than ninety years, had been the free hospitality, which continued uninterrupted throughout the lives of all the