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MRS. CHENEY DIES IN MANCHESTER

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(Special to The Courant.)

MANCHESTER, Thursday, Dec. 28

Mrs. Sophia H. Cheney, widow of Richard Otis Cheney, died at her home on Oak Hill yesterday morning shortly after 8 o'clock. Death was due to pneumonia. She was born in St. Louis, the daughter of Major Lewis Bissell and Mary J. Douglass Bissell. When a young girl she came to Farmington to complete her education at Miss Porter's School and it was while a student there that she met Mr. Cheney. She was married to Mr. Cheney in 1863 and made her home here. Soon after becoming a resident of Manchester she became interested in the young boys and girls who were employed in the silk mills and was one of the teachers in the evening school conducted at that time. In later years she always kept interested in the condition of those who were unfortunate and being a person who kept in close touch with affairs in Manchester a worthy case that came to her attention was not passed unnoticed. Many a house was made happy by gifts and remembrances from her, especially during the Christmas season and, although ill this Christmas and in fact considered in a critical condition, she insisted on having her plans carried out to spread cheer. Her illness was of but one week's duration. She was taken ill a week ago yesterday with the grip which developed into pneumonia Friday and as she had only recently recovered from an illness, she was not strong enough to overcome the trouble and death came yesterday morning. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom survive. They are Richard O. Cheney, Jr., and the Misses Annie H. and Elsie D. Cheney.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be in East Cemetery.

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istered in the county for election. Burdick-Gardner, Stuart Burdick of Campbell Britain, and Miss Mauda daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner of Hockmattuck str married yesterday afternoon o'clock at the home of the ceremony was performed by J. Hath, pastor of the Methodist Church, and was with intimate friends and relatives was a reception following money and during the afternoon Mrs. Burdick left for where they are to make the Mr. Burdick's mother, who was a Manchester girl.

Much Sickness.

The doctors are being kept these days as there have been cases of grip and pneumonia which have become so serious that the demand for nurses exceeded the supply and efforts have been made to secure nurses from Hartford. It is found that the most of them there as well as in Manchester.

Fifty Years a Mason

Arthur Cook of Manchester has been a Mason fifty years. Installation of officers of the Lodge Tuesday night by a cold headed case.

Infantile Paralysis Caused

George Forbes of Haverhill a man over 70 years of age yesterday afternoon. His death was taken ill about a week ago. Dr. Weidman, who attended him, pronounced it a case of infantile paralysis. It was unusual in that of his age stricken with disease and his age had much to do with the death. He was a Manchester and for years a painter. He leaves his wife and two children.

Continued Case Taken

The continued case of litigation J. W. Nettleton, charging watered or adulterated will come up for hearing in the court this morning. It was called a week ago, but ready for trial at that time, over until this morning.

Will Spell Road.

There seems to be no doubt that the work that the New Water Company will have order to provide proper water mains for the North 1 and the concrete road a Main street, at least. The with the present break has

OAK HILL, RESIDENCE OF RICHARD O. CHENEY, SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.



Postcard of "Oak Hill"