among the earliest recollections of the older members of the community. His patriarchal appearance and vigorous powers of mind and body have long been subjects of the admiring comments of the younger generation; and the lasting results of whose influence for good will be felt during long years to come. To those versed in the political lore of the county, it goes without saying that he was a Liberal in politics and unswerving in his loyalty to the principles of the cause which he had espoused.

Born in Herkimer county, New York, in the year 1798, the young James, at the age of fourteen, removed with his parents to this county, to make a home in a new land. The eldest of a large family, with a father necessarily much from home, he early assumed the responsibility of caring for others. This was never given up. His home became the home for all. Not only did he tenderly care for his parents in their declining years, but he also provided shelter for various relatives, near and remote, who, at times, found themselves worsted in the battles of life, For him, too, are the words of the Master, "I was a stranger, and ye took me in." Frugal as to his own needs, he was ever a generous giver to every worthy cause.

"Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," Mr. Ketchum could not be otherwise than prosperous. He saw his childre- settled around him, dividing to each a goodly portion and yet retaining a competency for himself, so that, unlike mary, he found himself in his last days in his own home, the head of his own house.

In 1825, Mr. Ketchum was married to Amanda Thomson, a neighbor's daughter, whose decease he was called upon to mourn some ten years ago. Their family consisted of six sons and three daughters, of whom four sons and two daughters still survive.

After an illness of but a few days, this much beloved father and friend passed away from earth early on Friday morning, July 5, at the ripe old age of 97 years, 3 months and 7 days. Truly may it be quoted of him, "Blessed be the dead that die in the Lord." He died, as he had lived, triumphant in the faith. His last real talk was with his daughter, who had been his constant companion since her mother's death, death, that he had always tried to live

Disciples of Christ, ever living up to his profession, a practical Christian.

Following the burial, a sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Young, pastor of the Cherry Valley church, who read lessons from Job and Revelation, showing two views of man-one of this fleeting life, the other of the life immortal on which Father Ketchum had just entered in the beautiful land beyond mortal ken. After taking fitting lessons from Job vii. 7-10, the speaker referred to the unusual opportunity the occasion afforded to draw profitable lessons from the life and character of the departed, and dwelt especially on the strong stand taken by him on temperance years ago, when to openly identify one's self with the temperance cause meant to endure persecution and ridicule. It was largely through this staunch man's influence that, between forty and fifty years ago, saloons were suppressed in A.hol, and never since revived. Those now living in the township doubtless little realize how much of the present temperance sentiment is owing to this one man's labor of love to humanity. As the preacher closed his review of a life well spent, all felt to echo the words used, "Truly, this was a righteous man."

We, who mourn his loss, can best reverence him by following his example in all things wherein he followed the Great Exemplar. He has left behind him a goodly heritage-an unstained name. "The memory of the just is

Isaacs.-Died, in London, June 17, 1895, Mrs. Elizabeth Isaacs, aged sixty-six years. Sister Isaacs migrated from England to this country about fortytwo years age. For a number of years she was an earnest worker and consistent member of the Bible Christians. It was owing in a great degree to her untiring zeal and boundless enthusiasm that the church edifice, now owned by the Disciples, was sected. When the union of the different Methodist bodies was consummated the name of Bible Christian was merged in the name of Methodist. About four years ago, the property was purchased by the Disciples; and our late sister, who had labored for so many years for the Master she so dearly loved, heard with great joy the proclamation of the Old Gospel in its entirety, and was buried in baptism by when he said that he did not fear Bro. T. B. Knowles, then of St. Thomas.

Sister Isaacs was an earnest worker an honest, upright life, that he had for the cause we plead, and which she never knowingly wronged any one, but loved. For years she had been a great that it was not in his own righteousness sufferer, but always bore it with Christhat he trusted, but in the Redemption tian fortitude. She fell asleep in Jesus through Christ Jesus. He was a con- in the full assurance of a glorious sistent member of the church of the resurrection. Sister Isaacs is survived constipation.

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