The Funeral of Mrs. Mary C. Berry Largely Attended—Tributes from Clergymen.

(Special Correspondence)

Pelham, N. H., July 29.
The funeral services of Mrs. Mary C. Berry were held at the Congregational church this afternoon, a large number of friends and relatives from Pelham and vicinity attending. Rev. Melvin J. Allen officiated, assisted by Rev. Joseph L. Hoyes, now of Hamilton, Mass., and Rev. Dr. Cyrus Richardson, pastor emeritus of First Congregational church of Nashua, who delivered the address. Selections were sung by the Pelham Congregational church choir. Dr. A. E. Winship of Somerville had been invited to speak at the services, being an intimate friend of both the late Mr. and Mrs. Berry, but owing to engagements in the West, sent a letter of appreciation instead. It was as follows:

"Mrs. Berry lived and died among her friends and neighbors who knew her, admired her and loved her. She was of the best of New England blood, yet none of her ancestors were more eminently and nobly American in thought or deed than was she. As a student she was so brilliant that upon her graduation, Bradford academy, then second to no educational institution for women in America, placed her upon its faculty and her leadership among students and faculty became one of the notable inheritances of the academy.

"Augustus Berry, one of the positively great souls in the New Hampshire ministry of the last century, associated Mary Richardson with him in as great a work as any pastor and parsonage has done for any town of 1000 people for 50 years. The pastorate begun with his installation virtually continued until her illness, and until she went to California the last time, the efficiency of that pastorate abated very slightly.

"Mrs. Berry's long life was growthful up to the time of her illness. She was constantly ahead of the procession of her time. After four score years she was one of the most progressive educational leaders of the state, a most courageously superintendent of country schools, far ahead in what was and foresight of the best of them. Most of her public speaking was done after four score years, and her spoken sermons and written addresses for special occasions both in prose and verse, at that age were in a class by themselves in originality, in vision of thought and vitality of expression, always worthy a place in print with writers of any day.

"But the stars set in her crown will not be her mission to the schools of Pelham, to the church of Pelham, or to the various organizations for whom she had distinct and welcome messages, but the brilliant stars will be her mission to her sister, to whom her devotion was so self-sacrificing and intense as to be sacred; will be her wonderful devotion to the children of brothers and of others in the family circle; will be, above all, her glorious service to every one, old or young, kin or stranger, native or foreign, whose lot was cast in Pelham.

"Mrs. Berry's charity in thought or deed seemed to know no bounds when she was needed in any home in time of trouble, of sickness, or of death. A woman with a wonderful intellect, a noble spirit, a glorious vision has blessed the town, the church, the schools, the family, and a host of friends for more than four score years, and her memory will be a benediction to all who have known her and loved her."

Rev. James Yeames of Arlington, Mass., read the Episcopal committal service at the grave in the Centre cemetery, George H. Currier, Charles W. Hobbs, Daniel M. Webster, Daniel F. Atwood, Orton Moore and George Gowing were the bearers. The flowers were very numerous and beautiful. To her townsmen, the death of Mrs. Berry comes as a distinct loss and the noble influence of the life she lived cannot but be more and more appreciated. She was born here Aug. 16, 1822 and her whole life was devoted to educational and religious work, but her work among her own people was so conscientious and self-sacrificing as to arouse a deep and sincere admiration for her among all who knew her. A great many are personally beholden to this noble woman, who was always ready at a moment's notice to overlook any difference in station to administer a her selfless and whole-hearted way to those in trouble. Her truly Christian spirit endeared her to her townsmen beyond estimation, and the inspiration imparted generally by her noble acts and deeds, was the source of much good to the welfare of the community and cannot but long be remembered. Her devotion, also to the educational interests of the town is likewise praiseworthy, as her own educational insight was exceptional and her adaptability to further such interests unusual, and the service so freely granted in this capacity both in a private and public way has been of great value to all concerned.