Funeral Services of Mrs. Sarah E. Kelley, Who Was Fatally Burned on Monday.


The funeral services of Mrs. Sarah E. Kelley, whose tragic death resulting from burning last Monday morning shocked the town, were held this afternoon at the Congregational church, Rev. M. V. McAlister officiating. Funeral selections were sung by a quartet consisting of Mrs. F. A. Gooch, Mrs. J. B. Hyde, H. B. Chase and R. H. Currier. There were many very beautiful floral offerings. Forest E. Kelley, Frank M. Carleton, James Macalpin and James Greenough acted as bearers and burial was in the Gibson cemetery. The deceased leaves an adopted daughter, Mrs. H. S. Greenough, still critically ill at the Lawrence General hospital from burning injuries sustained in the same accident; Forest E. Kelley, a step-son, also of Pelham, and two step-daughters, Mrs. Fannie L. Roberts of Wallingford, Mass., and Mrs. Ina G. Cochran of Roxindale.

Mrs. Kelley's death is a great loss to the community, sad and tragic beyond degree, and is keenly felt by all her townsmen.

FATALLY BURNED

Mrs. Sarah E. Kelley of Pelham.
Dies at Lawrence Hospital—Her Daughter Also Burned.

As a result of terrible burns received at her home in Pelham early yesterday morning, Mrs. Sarah E. Kelley died at the Lawrence General hospital last evening. She was 56 years old. Her daughter, in an effort to help the unfortunate woman, was also severely burned, but is expected to recover.

A lighted kerosene lamp which the old lady brought down stairs was the cause of the trouble. She was in the habit of rising early morning and it is understood that she brought the lamp to light her way down stairs when she got dizzy and fell, thereby exploding the lamp and setting fire to her clothing. She was a mass of flames before help could reach her and when it finally arrived, the poor woman was badly burned.

The daughter, Mrs. Haines Greenough, had heard the fall and rushed to the aid of her mother, a mass of flames. Her first thought was the snow outside, which she presumed would be the most effective in quenching the flames. She tried to arouse Mrs. Kelley, when the latter threw her arms around her, and Mrs. Greenough's own clothing then took fire.

In her distraction and suffering, the younger woman took the mother to the front door, where she experienced trouble in unfastening the latch. She then rushed for the back door, but by that time Mrs. Kelley was badly burned and charred clothes and flesh dropped from the body.

The hired man, Mr. Macalpin, was called to help in smothering the flames, and neighbors were called and Dr. Souza was summoned from Salem Depot. Mrs. Kelley was removed at once by a special car to Lawrence, where the ambulance met her and took her to the Lawrence General hospital. Everything possible was done to save her, but she succumbed to her injuries some time during the evening.

Later Dr. A. W. Cutler was called and examined Mrs. Greenough's condition and had her removed to the same hospital. She is not so badly injured as was first supposed, and her ultimate recovery is looked for.