

—all this too, one could not doubt, was the outshining of the light of the Christian life within. She was always bright and cheerful, and beautifully blended with her piety was a large fund of native humor. One of her distinguishing traits was her great love of music, which she had an ear to hear as well in the sounds of nature as of art. Her last sickness was a long-continued one, resulting from heart disease, during which she had periods of great distress. When recovering from such an attack, nothing soothed her more than music. To hear her son Jonathan play for her on the piano, with his fine touch, some of the good old tunes she loved, seemed an inexpressible comfort and alleviation of pain. She died Aug. 19, 1847, in her 65th year.

Mr. Goldthwaite was a man of superior intelligence, and had well improved such opportunities as he had had for study, to which advantages were added those of an environment of more than usual cultivation for a country town. Longmeadow, from the attractiveness of its situation, the beauty of its town street, and its nearness to the city, has always drawn to itself a superior class of residents. The character of its people was also largely influenced by the two ministers of rare quality who, up to 1819, were pastors of the Longmeadow church, their united pastorates covering a period of exactly 100 years. The first was Dr. Stephen Williams, "of a famous family, eminent in all professions," who, during his sixty-six years' ministry, "laid the deep impress of his rare social culture and wide acquaintance on the parish." He was followed by a man of equal excellence, Rev. Richard Salter Storrs, the first of three successive generations of ministers of that name now famous in the history of the American pulpit. Of Mr. Goldthwaite's character, formed under influences like these acting upon his native qualities of mind and heart, glimpses may be obtained, through his letters to his oldest son in Hartford, such as one written on the latter's coming of age, beginning, "Has the long thought-of and wished-for day arrived! — a day which I have looked forward to, from the day of your birth, with mixed emotions