

seemed most like home of any other on earth, because there were father and mother. Mr. Boardman was a most faithful servant of the Company, and from being always genial and social in his intercourse and disposition, he made many warm friends among the leading citizens of the place, while his acquaintance was very extensive through the county. During almost the entire period of his residence at Skowhegan village he was Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Bloomfield Academy, and its facilities for obtaining a good education were made available to the younger children of his family, and all were brought up to habits of industry, economy and study. His wife was a strong support and a source of great help and encouragement to her husband during all the earlier years of their married life, until failing health compelled her to relinquish tasks to her children which had always been willingly and cheerfully performed herself. Having made a confession of Christ at the early age of fourteen years, she remained through life one of His most devoted and most consistent followers, and in old age exhibited the beauty, and sweatness, and grace of childhood in every act and word.

Having for many years previously become somewhat tired of the confinement which his position required of him, Mr. Boardman, who had been looking forward to it with pleasure, realized his expectations in the purchase of a farm on the Augusta turnpike in the town of Norridgewock, a few years before the expiration of his term of service with the Bridge Company. To this place he removed in 1849, and this was his home until advancing years rendered it desirable that he should, in company with his wife, find a home with a daughter, Mrs. Hoyt, at Skowhegan village. Here he died, almost instantly, after having retired to rest on the night of 20