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An Aged One Gone Home.

Jane Snell was born in Cornwall in England Aug. 12, 1812. Her father was a blacksmith by trade but became a farmer after coming to Canada. Jane was the eldest of eight children, four boys and four girls, and at her death was the only survivor save her younger sister. The family moved to Vaughn, Canada, 25 miles from Toronto in 1823. Here Jane lived at home and with her aunt until Jan. 9, 1847 when she was married to Chas. Sheldrake at Bolton Village by Rev. Jos. Wheeler. Chas. Sheldrake was born in London in 1802. At the age of 16, he enlisted in the English army for life, and went to the East Indies 9 years and was promoted to the office of trumpet major. At the death of King George he was released from duty, returned to England and was present at the coronation of Queen Victoria. Soon after, he came to Montreal, Canada. Then going to New Orleans he had the yellow fever. Recovering, he went to Vermont, and worked as a saddle. Shortly afterwards he started for Canada again, stopping finally at Bolton where he met his life mate in Jane Snell.

The couple began wedded life together in Bolton Mr. S. having a very prosperous harness business until the close of the Crimean War. After about two years they moved to Acton, where William Henry, the eldest child was born. Two years after they returned to Bolton, where they lived for 15 years, and where the other children, Chas. James, deceased, Mary Jane Sweier, Priscilla Ann Scofield and Chas. James (these being twins, and Chas. being named for the deceased one) and Benjamin dying an infant, were born. In 1865 the family moved to Warren, Pa., thence to Kerseys, Pa. in 1867, thence to Benezette, Pa., in 1868, where they builded a house and started a harness shop. Mr. S. came to Penfield in 1870, built the house now occupied by his daughter Mrs. Sweier, and had a harness shop on the present site of the Methodist church. Both establishments were maintained until the death of Mr. Sheldrake in 1872 at Benezette. Mr. S. was a member of the Primitive Methodist church, and the Sons of Temperance. He was a great band leader, his band winning the prize at the reception of the Prince of Wales in Toronto in 1850.

In 1879 the sons Wm. and Chas, took their mother, and moved to Kinburn, Canada, near two of Mrs. S's brothers, returning to Penfield the same year.

After the death of Mr. Sheldrake, Mrs. Sheldrake made her home with her children at Benezette and Penfield. Her Parents family were all deeply religious, belonging to the Primitive Methodist Church and in her old age, she read her Bible without glasses to the last, sang hymns with a clear voice and prayed much.

To this aged one, living with her daughter, Mrs. Sweier, death came Saturday evening, Feb. 27, and she passed away leaving to her children the priceless legacy of a useful Christian life. To the last she recognized those who saw her, and asked for her boys.

The funeral service was held in the Methodist church in Penfield on Monday evening, Feb. 29, Rev. S. Ham Pastor, and C. L. Avery, Director in charge. On Tuesday morning the remains were taken to Benezette, and laid to rest by her husband's side.

*So, dearest, now thy brows are cold,
I see thee what thou art and know,
Thy likeness to the wise below,
Thy kindred with the great of old.*

*But there is more than I can see,
And what I see I leave unsaid,
Nor speak it knowing death has made*