

DEXTER EVENTS

Death of Mrs. Charles W. Curtis
a Shock to Host of Friends.

Notes of Interest.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

DEXTER, Feb. 5—A host of friends in Dexter and many sections of Maine will deeply regret to learn of the passing away of Mrs. Charles W. Curtis, one of the best known and highest esteemed of Dexter residents. Possessed of a sterling character, ever ready to be of assistance to sick and shut-ins bringing with her comfort and cheeriness, her presence was indeed welcome. Had she lived until next April Mrs. Curtis would have been 79 years of age. Her life has been spent in kindly acts, ministrations of service and ready, enthusiastic effort to spread knowledge of the Bible in foreign lands. For ten years she lived in Japan, as missionary appointed by the American Board of Foreign Missions. Once on a return trip to America, Mrs. Curtis came home by the way of Europe, thus making a trip around the globe. About one year after her marriage to Charles W. Curtis, Mrs. Curtis brought to America with her two Eurasian girls whom she had taught in Japan, Misses Susie V. Owston and Mary E. Cameron. These girls were educated in Dexter grammar and high schools, and to them Mrs. Curtis was indeed a friend and mother, assisting them in their school work, in which they showed remarkable progress, ever excelling. After graduating from high school Miss Cameron took a course in music in Boston, together with a course of training as a nurse. She is now in successful practice as trained nurse in New York city. Miss Owston married the Rev. W. E. Mann, once pastor in Dexter. Mr. Mann is now rector of St. John's Episcopal church in Wewaunee, Ill., and is wonderfully assisted by his wife in this work. Mrs. Curtis has been more or less of an invalid for several years. She was an honorary member of the Woman's Literary club of Dexter, and in her health took active part in the local W. C. T. U. She was a brilliant conversationalist and her descriptions of life and customs of Japanese and other nationalities as observed by her were always listened to with closest interest and attention by local audiences. Mrs. Curtis leaves a husband, Charles W. Curtis of Dexter, well known in bank circles throughout the State, also a daughter, Mrs. Amelia Barr of Omaha, Neb., one son, Charles Viele of Taylorsville, N. C., three grandchildren in Taylorsville, who have the sincere sympathy of the community in this bereavement. The hour of memorial services has not yet been determined and will be announced later.