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No. 1 Mrs. John Daintry Passed Away at Ottawa

A life that was beautiful, in its graciousness, in its sympathy for others, in its unobtrusive ways of bestowing good, was honored on Tuesday afternoon when kinspeople and citizens assembled at "The Poplars" to show esteem to its late beloved mistress, Mrs. John Daintry, who but a short time before had fallen asleep to waken to the glad new life and the reunion with the well beloved who had passed before. All that was mortal lay in beautiful repose in a bower of fragrant bloom made by the grateful floral remembrances of relatives and of friends in Cobourg, in Ottawa and in other places, who desired in some way to show evidence of their esteem and love. Her face, beautiful in its last sleep, represented a rare exemplification of the truth of Browning's words, when he spoke of old age as "the best of life" and as "the last of life for which the first was made."

Mrs. Daintry had been residing at "Earncliffe," Ottawa, where the family for some years have passed the winter season, for some little time past. Her health the past year had gradually failed, although her beautiful spirit still retained its vivid and interested outlook on life. Since September she had been confined to her bed. Gradually her hold on life weakened until early Saturday morning she quietly slipped from her honored place in the earthly home, across the borderland that some call death, to the better and larger life just beyond.

Before her marriage, Louise Beatty, Mrs. Daintry, was a daughter of the late Dr. John Beatty, a citizen and an educationalist to whom Cobourg will always be indebted. When she had grown to a beautiful womanhood, she became the bride of the late John Daintry, Esq., of Cobourg, and of North Road, Cheshire, England. Nearly all of Mrs. Daintry's fourscore years were spent here. As the gracious and kindly mistress of "The Poplars," she took a leading place not only in the social life of this university town, but in provincial circles as well. As Miss Louise Beatty she had the honor of dancing with the late King Edward, when as Prince of Wales he visited Cobourg in 1862. She also devoted much time to beneficent work, to looking after people who were in trouble and giving to them kindly help and sympathy. She was devoted to the people of Cobourg and retained this interest throughout her life. As she grew older her sphere of usefulness broadened, and to the last she took a vivid interest in everything, even in the common everyday affairs of men and women, and so continued to serve with kindness and with helpfulness the people among whom she lived. Unlike very many good women Mrs. Daintry surrendered little of the soft coloring and loveliness that marked her youth and earlier womanhood, but rather as the years advanced these were crowned and enhanced by a benignity and a beauty of superior attractiveness. This and the sweet grace of her character drew to her many friends for whom life will always be lonelier because of the absence of her loved presence, while to those of the immediate family circle that absence has created a lack and emptiness which nothing can fill, although they have still as a cherished good the fragrant and tender memory of her beautiful life.

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About twenty-two years ago a great bereavement came to Mrs. Daintry when her loved husband was called away. Of their family of four children, there survive their mother, the only son, Mr. Percival Daintry of Cheshire, England, Miss Daintry and Mrs. Sam McDougall, Ottawa. Surviving also are three grandchildren, Daintry, Henry and Louise Fitzhugh, the children of her dearly beloved daughter, the late Edith Daintry Fitzhugh, and three sisters Mrs. MacDougall, wife of the late Hon. William MacDougall, Ottawa; Mrs. C. A. E. Harriss, Ottawa, who is at present in California and Mrs. C. Edgerton Ryerson, Toronto.

A private service was held at "Earncliffe," Ottawa, on Monday morning at 11 o'clock, which was attended by about a hundred friends. Accompanied by her family all that was mortal was then brought to her late residence here, from which place the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. Canon Sawers, M.A., assisted by a nephew of deceased, Rev. Edgerton Ryerson, Toronto. Mrs. David Dick sang the beautiful and comforting hymn, "Nearer My God To Thee."

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