

## GILMANTON IRON WORKS.

Gilmanton Iron Works, April 23.—Mrs. Mary A. Blake was born in Barnstead, April second, 1817, and died at her home on High street in this village, April eleventh, 1903. She was one of seven children of Abram and Polly (Simclair) Bunker and of this family only Mrs. Eliza Davis of Whitefield, who has tenderly cared for her aged sister, now survives. Mrs. Blake first married George Stevens, who was drowned in Barnstead six months after their marriage. After teaching some time in New York she became the wife of Jeremiah Elkins of Laconia. Of their two daughters, Belle lived with her mother till her death in 1890, and the other, Mrs. Fannie Edgerly, died in Peabody, Mass. in 1902. Her third marriage was with Rev. Jeremiah Blake, M. D., and with him and their little son she came here to reside in 1885. The son John Carroll Blake, a young man of great energy and promise died in 1890.

Mrs. Blake became a christian early in life and member of the church in her native town. For 32 years she has been a devoted member of the Congregational church in this place, for five years the wife of the acting pastor, and at all times interested, beloved and esteemed for her work's sake. Besides her sister, there are left to mourn her departure her grandson Carroll Edgerly and her son-in-law, Frank Edgerly of Peabody, and her step-daughter, who has been a great comfort to her always, Mrs. Nellie Bunker of Peacham Vt. There are also another step-daughter, Mrs. Dr. Berry, and many absent friends, to whom her long and useful life has been a blessing, who will be grieved at the thought of separation, and yet comforted with the assurance of her peaceful and triumphant departure.