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The funeral of Mr. Marsh took place Sunday. There was a brief service at the late home of the deceased at twelve, after which the remains were brought to the Methodist church where a large congregation had assembled to pay the last tribute of respect. The singing was by a quartette, composed of Messrs. John B. Moore, Nehemiah Pulcifer, Mrs. S. H. Dearborn and Miss Carrie A. Jones. The services began with the hymn, "How vain are all things here below," Miss Helen Beane presiding at the organ. Rev. S. H. Amsden read the 14th chapter of Job, and offered prayer. "Thee we adore, Eternal King," was sung by the quartette and Rev. A. B. Russell, the pastor, began the funeral discourse. His text was Matt. 24: 44, "Be ye also ready." The speaker held that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and that each duty should be done at its own proper time, as otherwise, the duties of to-morrow will be crowded by the duties of to-day. Of all duties the command "Prepare to meet thy God," was the most urgent, in view of the surprises of life and the fact that the execution of the sentence, "Thou shalt die and not live," is only a question of time. It had been expected that Rev. E. S. N. Greeley would have participated in the services, and have made remarks of eulogy and reminiscence, but he was detained at home by illness. Mr. Russell, however, said that from his own brief acquaintance with the deceased he valued him for the soundness of his religious belief and for the kindliness of his disposition. He concluded with words of consolation for those who mourned, and trusted that all in the audience would take the lesson to heart. "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep" was then sung, after which the audience took their last look at the peaceful features of the dead man. Undertaker Moore of Laconia had charge, and the bearers were, Messrs. S. H. Dearborn, A. A. Jones, Joseph Currier, and Charles E. Merrill. Prominent among those from abroad or from remoter parts of the town, were Col. Cogswell, Mr. and Mrs. James Cogswell, S. S. Jewett, J. W. Ham, G. W. Adams, W. A. Plummer and others. The body was enclosed in an elegant casket covered with rich dark velvet, upon which was a ripened sheaf and a cluster of Bermuda lilies. Interment took place at Beechwood cemetery. Twenty carriages containing more than fifty people followed the hearse to the grave.

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