

Helen Gilman Gurley

(- 22 Feb 1889)

Gurley. Suddenly on the evening of February 22, 1889, Helen Gilman Gurley, daughter of William Gurley. Funeral from the residence, 909 13th street, Monday, February 25 at 11 o'clock a.m.

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A Sudden Summons

Miss Helen Gurley Falls Dead in the Street From Heart Disease

The funeral of Miss Helen Gilman Gurley, the daughter of Mr. W.B. Gurley, took place this morning from the family residence, 909 13th street. Miss Gurley's death, which occurred Friday evening, was a great shock to her family and friends. In company with a number of young friends, all connected with the New York avenue Presbyterian church, she was on her way to the Bethany mission, which is in charge of that church, to give an entertainment for the benefit of the members of the mission Sabbath school. The young people were in good spirits and Miss Gurley laughed and chatted with the others. When near the mission she spoke of feeling strangely, and then, without another word or any sign of distress or pain, she tottered and fell into the arms of a friend. Supposing that she had fainted, no special alarm was occasioned at first. A carriage was at once summoned and she was taken to her home. The physician who arrived late said that she was dead and had, undoubtedly, died when she fell. While the death was sudden it was not unexpected. For some time past Miss Gurley and her family have known that the heart affection with which she was troubled was likely at any time to terminate fatally. She was a young lady of many attractive qualities and was endeared to a large circle of friends.