Mrs. Sophia H. Cheney, widow of Richard Otis Cheney, died at her home on Oak Hill yesterday morning shortly after 8 o'clock. Death was due to pneumonia. She was born in St. Louis, the daughter of Major Lewis Bissell and Mary J. Douglass Bissell. When a young girl she came to Farmington to complete her education at Miss Porter's School and it was while a student there that she met Mr. Cheney. She was married to Mr. Cheney in 1863 and made her home here. Soon after becoming a resident of Manchester she became interested in the young boys and girls who were employed in the silk mills and was one of the teachers in the evening school conducted at that time. In later years she always kept interested in the condition of those who were unfortunate and being a person who kept in close touch with affairs in Manchester a worthy case that came to her attention was not passed unnoticed. Many a house was made happy by gifts and remembrances from her, especially during the Christmas season and, although ill this Christmas and in fact considered in a critical condition, she insisted on having her plans carried out to spread cheer. Her illness was of but one week's duration. She was taken ill a week ago yesterday with the grip which developed into pneumonia Friday and as she had only recently recovered from an illness, she was not strong enough to overcome the trouble and death came yesterday morning. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom survive. They are Richard O. Cheney, Jr., and the Misses Annie H. and Elsie D. Cheney.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be in East Cemetery.