

At Rest.

On Thursday last our town, which this winter has been so often visited by the angel of death, was again called upon to mourn the loss of another of its most prominent citizens, this time in the person of Joseph Hill Driffill. Although Mr. Driffill had been in poor health for some time past, it was not till about a month or two ago, when his throat began to give him serious trouble, that his life at longest was believed to be short. His death, however, not being looked for quite so soon, seemed sudden, and the news on Friday morning had the effect of a shock upon the citizens. In Mr. Driffill's departure we lose one of the oldest and possibly the oldest continuous resident of our village. He was born in this place on the 12th of Dec., 1838, and was the second son, but oldest living, of Thomas and Jane Driffill. His father came to Bradford when this name applied to but three or four houses and lived here for a period of sixty years. He first married in 1830 and a few years later, his wife having died, he married again and raised a family of eight children all of whom grew to be men and women. Of these latter only four are now living, namely, Mrs. Jeffs, Bond Head; Jas. Driffill, Toronto; Mrs. T. S. Graham, Bradford; and Miss O. E. Driffill, Newmarket. The deceased was married in May of the year 1869, to Margaret E. Olinkenbroomer, daughter of Mr. Jos. Olinkenbroomer, at that time a resident of Bradford. His family of four children grew to manhood and womanhood, but to-day only two of these survive, Alfred and Edna, Arthur having died in 1894, aged 24, and Louisa in 1898, aged 23. For many years Mr. Driffill, in partnership with his brother James, kept a hardware store on the corner of Holland and Simcoe streets. In this connection he became well known, and not only so, but very highly respected by the people of both town and vicinity. He was a member of the Methodist Church, also a charter member of the A. O. U. W., of which he was the first Recorder. Mr. Driffill, in disposition, was quiet and unobtrusive. He was loving and kind and especially so to children. Both in his public and private life, we feel safe in saying, that Mr. Driffill was seldom known to be in a temper, or speak a cross word to anyone. He was a man who spent his spare time in the home; he gave it his first attention and for this he is to be highly commended. His life in this respect will readily serve for an ideal for many fathers and husbands. The widow and family will no doubt receive the heartfelt love and sympathy of the citizens of Bradford in their severe bereavement. The funeral which was under the care of the A. O. U. W., took place on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. for Mount Pleasant Cemetery and was largely attended. The funeral service was held at the house and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Young, pastor of the Methodist Church, who, in his remarks, paid a high tribute to the departed. Many beautiful flowers had been laid on the coffin by loving friends.