

MRS. ABBY HOPPER GIBBONS DEAD.

END OF A LONG LIFE DEVOTED TO GOOD WORKS.

There died in this city yesterday one of the most remarkable women of this century, Mrs. Abby Hopper Gibbons, daughter of Isaac T. Hopper, the Quaker philanthropist and founder of the Women's Prison Association in this city, of which his daughter was the first Director.

Mrs. Gibbons was born in Philadelphia on Dec. 7, 1801, being the third of sixteen children. Her father was well known in Philadelphia, and, after 1834, in New-York, as an ardent and helpful friend of the slave. His daughter taught school in Philadelphia, and was married in 1833 to James S. Gibbons, the author of the war lyric, "We're Coming, Father Abraham, Three Hundred Thousand More." They moved to New-York soon after, and this city has since then been the home of the Hopper and Gibbons family. Mr. Gibbons died last October.

Mrs. Gibbons devoted her life to hospital service, and she was at the front during the war. Her house was burned in the draft riots of 1863. Her father founded the Women's Prison Association and the Isaac T. Hopper Home, assisted by Mrs. Gibbons. She was one of the founders of the New-York Infant Asylum, also of the Diet Kitchen Association, and was its President for many years, presiding over its last meeting this month.

As President of the Women's Prison Association it fell to her lot to direct the investigation which, more than anything else, contributed to the success of the Police Matrons' bill. Under her direction also, and very largely by her personal labors, the bill establishing a reformatory for young women in New-York was carried through the Legislature three years ago, but vetoed by Gov. Hill; was again carried through last Winter and signed by Gov. Flower. On both of these occasions Mrs. Gibbons made journeys to Albany, was granted a hearing by the Assembly, and found a cordial support in both parties, the leading men in both and the whole press of New-York dropping politics to help her non-partisan and practical work. The bill was lost in her eighty-ninth year and won in her ninety-first. In both instances the longest step ahead was made during her visit to the Legislature, the telegrams announcing the success, in the one case sent by James W. Husted, in the other by the present Speaker of the Assembly, Mr. Sulzer, being handed to her as soon as she reached her home in this city.

Mrs. Gibbons caught a severe cold a week ago which rapidly developed into senile pneumonia.

Mrs. Gibbons leaves two children, one of whom is Mrs. James Morse, and the other Mrs. Sarah H. Emerson, who married a nephew of the late Ralph Waldo Emerson. The funeral will take place this morning and will be private. The burial will be in Greenwood.