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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF LOCAL OCTOGENARIAN



MRS. HELENE HIRSCH.

Mrs. Helene Hirsch of 19 Pride street, mother of Isaac E. and Louis Hirsch, of the Neeb-Hirsch Publishing Company, was 80 years of age yesterday. Owing to a prolonged illness, from which she is just recovering, there was no formal celebration of the event, but a constant stream of callers and numerous letters and telegrams from all parts of the country and from abroad expressed the good wishes and the high esteem of a host of relatives and friends. Surrounded by her children, grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends the aged lady spent a happy birthday and was the recipient of many floral and other remembrances.

Mrs. Hirsch, whose maiden name was Einstein, was born in Laupheim, in the kingdom of Wuerttemberg, Germany, on March 5, 1825, and came to America in 1853, joining a married sister in Minnesota. There she was married in 1858 to Max Hirsch, a native of Karlsruhe, Germany, who had emigrated to America in his boyhood, and after a few years' sojourn in the south, had become one of the settlers of Carver county, Minnesota. In 1861 the young couple, with their first child, Isaac E. Hirsch, came to Pittsburgh, the Indian disturbances in the northwest having caused them to leave that section. In the following year and shortly after the birth of a second son, Louis, Mrs. Hirsch was bereft of her husband, who died in this city on November 5, 1862. Mrs. Hirsch is a member of the Rodef Sholom congregation, of the Hebrew Ladies' Aid society, the Ladies' Auxilliary of the Guskys orphanage and the Ladies' Aid society of the German Protestant orphanage, and is noted for her many private acts of charity.