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ALICE CARY ATWOOD DIES IN WASHINGTON Graduate of St. Lawrence, Daughter of Dr. I. M. Atwood

Miss Alice Cary Atwood, a graduate of St. Lawrence University, a daughter of Dr. Isaac Morgan Atwood, for twenty years president of the Theological School of St. Lawrence University, died in Washington one week ago today at her home, where she resided with her sister, Miss Nora Atwood.

Miss Atwood was a sister of Dean John Murray Atwood of the Theological School of St. Lawrence University.

Committal service was conducted at Evergreen Cemetery Friday afternoon at 3, the Rev. Edna P. Bruner, minister of the Universalist Church, officiating.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 Thursday morning at the National Memorial Church, Washington, Rev. Dr. Seth R. Brooks officiating.

Miss Atwood was born at Somerville, Mass., a daughter of Dr. Isaac Morgan and Myra Church Atwood. Dr. Atwood was one of the most outstanding Universalist ministers in his day. The family removed to Canton in 1879, when Dr. Atwood came to St. Lawrence to succeed Dr. Fisher who died suddenly. Dr. Fisher was president of the Theological school. This position Dr. Atwood held until the College of Letters and Science and the Divinity School were brought under one head, Dr. Almon Gunnison becoming president of both.

Miss Atwood received her education in the Canton schools and St. Lawrence University. She graduated from St. Lawrence in 1899. Lest it be forgotten here, one feels that the Alice Cary of [her] name was that of one of the famous Cary sisters, Alice and Phoebe, noted poets and prose writers of upwards of seventy years ago, who had a great vogue among library people.

At St. Lawrence Miss Atwood was a Kappa girl. After graduating from St. Lawrence she attended the Drexel Institute of Philadelphia, Pa., and Cornell University where she took a library course. Her first position was on the library staff of the Arboretum at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Later she accepted a position on the library staff of the bureau of plant industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. She retired in 1942 after 38 years of service in this position.

She became widely recognized among botanists for her work as a bibliographer in collecting and compiling catalogues of botanical literature. This work made it possible for those working in botanical research to find information anywhere in the world. Even after her retirement, Miss Atwood continued collaborating in this work.

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Miss Atwood was a member of the Universalist denomination and a hard worker in that cause. She was a regular summer visitor to Canton, making her last trip here in 1945.

Of her father's family, there are now remaining a brother, Dr. J. Murray Atwood of Canton and Miss, Nora Atwood, of Washington. Two sisters have long predeceased her, Mrs. Mary Atwood Manley, wife of Williston Manley, and Mrs. Augustus Byington (Anne Atwood) Church.

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