

[DeGraff, Fannie Branson]

SERVICES BEING HELD FOR MRS. OSCAR DEGRAFF
Mother of Mrs. Emerson Lalone Died Here Sunday Evening

To those who had been privileged to know her, the death of Mrs. Oscar DeGraff, mother of Mrs. Emerson H. Lalone, is both a sorrow and loss. During the four years she and her husband had spent in Canton those who visited the Judson street home had come to value her friendship, and to appreciate the choiceness of her character, revealed as it was in her home life in her love for the flowers and things which grew in the garden, and in her knowledge and study of many things.

Mrs. DeGraff underwent an operation at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Watertown earlier this summer. Shortly after returning home she was taken seriously ill with heart trouble. She suffered another attack Saturday and Mrs. Lalone sent word to Dr. Lalone who arrived here from Boston Sunday morning. Mrs. DeGraff died at 9:20 Sunday evening. The funeral is being held this afternoon at one-thirty from the First Universalist church, Rev. Hugh S. Tigner, pastor, being assisted by Dr. John S. Van Schaick, editor of *The Christian Leader*, and associate of Dr. Lalone in the Universalist Publishing House at Boston.

Mrs. DeGraff was Fannie Branson, a descendant of one of the old Dutch families of the Mohawk Valley where she had lived practically all of her life near the city of Amsterdam, her parents having been descendants of one of the Mohawk Valley's early Dutch settlers.

She was born on April 2, 1861, and her early education was that of the district school and the academy at Amsterdam. On Thanksgiving Day in 1890 she married Oscar DeGraff. For many years she and her husband resided on a Mohawk Valley farm. Four years ago they moved to Canton to live with their daughter and husband, and since the Lalones have been in Boston they have kept the home here.

Members of the Garden Club and those who found pleasure in flowers, in seeing and studying early American furniture and glass found Mrs. DeGraff a great delight. She was a most modest and retiring woman, but her ability, and that of her husband, as gardeners and their knowledge of such things became a joy for others. Mrs. DeGraff was a student along the lines of her interests.

During her residence here she had attended the Universalist church, of which Dr. Lalone was pastor up until two years ago.

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