[Halleck, Alice Comstock Wheaton]

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Alice Comstock Halleck, widow of the late Rev. Benjamin B. Halleck, died on Monday. She was born in Lisle, Broome County, N.Y., and was the daughter of Oliver and Ruth Wheaton of Lenox, Mass., and niece of Eber Wheaton, judge of the Supreme Court and author of "Wheaton's Reports." She came to New York when 14 years old and finished her education under Judge Wheaton's direction. At the age of 18 she began teaching in Brooklyn and soon after was made principal of School No. 1, at the corner of Concord and Adams streets. There she remained for many years, and met Mr. Halleck, who was at that time principal of the boys' department. They were married while teaching there and added to their every day round of school work literary work and preaching on Sunday. Her husband accepted a charge to preach in Stamford, Conn., and there they lived for several years doing good work in church and school, she having opened a school for young women. From Stamford they went to Mohawk, where Mr. Halleck took charge of the Universalist Church and Mrs. Halleck opened a school for young women. Five years later they returned to New York and resumed literary work, both writing for the magazines and Christian papers. In 1872 Mr. Halleck died and his widow moved to Brooklyn, where she has since lived quietly with her daughter. Mr. Halleck came from an old Long Island family, his ancestors having come from England in 1640 and settled on Long Island at a point which was named for them, Halleck's Neck, and still retains that name. Mrs. Halleck is survived by five children, fourteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The funeral services will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, 98 Green avenue. The service will be conducted by Rev. A. J. F. Behrends and the interment will be near her old home in Marathon, Broome County.

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