

[Hitchcock, Laura M. Coe]

—Mrs. Laura M. Coe, the wife of Solomon Hitchcock of Conesus, N Y., passed from this to the higher life on the 9th instant, aged 71 years. She was one of those sweet spirits that filled a large place in the home circle, and swept a wide influence for good in the community in which she lived... This was in accordance with her faith—the grand guarantee of progress and happiness. She did not merely believe in the goodness and mercy of God, and a family gathering and greeting on the other shore, but she nurtured it in her daily life. Truly, the [Universalist] church in which she was cradled has lost one of its most devoted, self-sacrificing and sweet spirits... The funeral services were held at her late residence—in the beautiful mansion which she had adorned and moved in the quiet rounds of domestic life for over thirty years... A large circle of friends and neighbors gathered in the spacious rooms, with the minister she requested to be present in that hour...in the cheering hope of a family gathering at last around the throne of God. As she was passionately fond of flowers, the floral offerings were appropriate and beautiful. Thus a devoted husband with whom the departed had walked in sweet communion for nearly fifty years, a faithful son (an only child) who had taken upon himself every office of filial affection, five brothers and sisters, and a large circle of friends and neighbors are left to cherish in sweet memory her unfaltering faith, deeds of charity and love.

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