

[Kenyon, Louisa Bartle]

Obituary

Newark friends were deeply pained last week to learn of the death in Jersey City [Hudson Co. NJ] of Mrs. M. M. [Moses Malcolm] Kenyon, which occurred at her home in that city on Thursday [16 Feb.], her age being 51 years. Mrs. Kenyon had been ill about a year, and since August had been confined to her home and most of the time to her bed. Her sufferings were intense, especially toward the last. Mrs. *Louisa Bartle Kenyon* was born in this town [on 22 Sep 1837], the daughter of James P. Bartle, deceased, one of Newark's most prominent early citizens. She spent her early life here, and thirty nine years ago [24 Nov 1859] was married to M. M.[Moses] Kenyon, also of Newark. They continued to live in Newark until seven years ago, when Mrs. Kenyon went to Boston, and after a long visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon went to Jersey City to live, where Mr. Kenyon is engaged in the office of City Controller Geo. Hough, formerly of this village. During her long illness, Mrs. Kenyon had been most tenderly cared for by the husband, daughter, and other friends, who did everything possible to make her comfortable.

A funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at the home in Jersey City, at which Rev. Jas. H. Moore, of Warren, Mass., formerly a beloved pastor of the Newark Universalist church, and an especial friend of the Kenyon family, was present and officiated. There were present at the service also, Mrs. Moore, and sixteen other Newark people who are living in and near New York. Many more would have doubtless attended had they known of the death. Sunday night Mr. Kenyon and Mrs. Remer took the West Shore [train] for Newark, arriving here Monday morning. A second service was held here Monday afternoon, at the residence of A. C. Bartle, at which Rev. Dr. Tomlinson officiated, and many warm friends were present.

Mrs. Kenyon was a woman of exceptional character. No one who ever knew her can forget her sunny, cheerful, charitable disposition, her kindly friendliness to all, her utter devotion to her family, her pleasant hospitality to friends, all combining to make her one of the best loved women in town, and her home one of the most delightful to visit for so many years. Love and goodwill and hospitality reigned supreme in that home, as many of us can testify who have enjoyed it. The death of Mrs. Kenyon is a crushing blow to the husband, one that will be felt to any unusual degree, for they had never ceased to be lovers; to the only daughter, Mrs. Dr. John [Antoinette] Remer, of New York, the death is also a great affliction. The brother, A.[Andrew] C. Bartle, of this village, and the sister [Adelaide], the wife of Rev. Richmond Fisk of Fargo, North Dakota, will also feel deeply the great loss.

But not only do the family mourn: there are hundreds in Newark and elsewhere to-day who feel that in the death of Mrs. Kenyon they have lost one of their best and kindest friends. Deceased was a member of the Universalist church, and was for many years one of its most devoted workers. She had a soprano voice of rare beauty, and for years she and Mr. Kenyon devoted time and talents to the service of song in the church. She was a consistent Christian in all the walks of life, and dies lamented by a whole community.

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