

[Partridge, Laura Adele Homer]

MRS. LAURA ADELE PATRIDGE

Mrs. Laura Adele Partridge, who recently passed away at her home in Edenton, N. Y., was born in the town of Fowler, St. Lawrence County, March 6, 1845. She was the daughter of William and Pamela Betts Homer. She received her education in Gouverneur Seminary and in St. Lawrence University under the late Dr. John S. Lee and for a time was a successful teacher. On Christmas day 1866 she was married to Luther Lee Partridge who had recently returned from the Civil War, and at once went to live on the old Partridge homestead in Depeyster, which with the exception of a few brief intervals was ever thereafter her home.

In religious faith, Mrs. Partridge was a Universalist, both by inheritance and training, her parents being among the pioneers of that faith in St. Lawrence County and largely instrumental in establishing the Universalist church at Hailesboro, N. Y. With her children, Mrs. Partridge first became a member of the Universalist church at Hammond, N. Y., the membership afterward being transferred to Canton, where she resided while her sons, Artemas and George were in college. The writer who was her pastor during those years, can testify to her unwavering devotion to her church. She was one of those exceptional parishioners, who so greatly encourage the pastor's heart, whom only sickness can bar from their place.

She was a woman of more than usual intelligence and of rare spirituality of mind. It was always a pleasure and profit to visit with her. Her trusting, tranquil and sweet disposition, and her self-sacrificing spirit made her a mother, the memory of whom, will always be to her children, a precious comfort and joy.

She leaves two children, Miss Evangeline and George H., of New York; the older son, the Rev. A. L. Partridge having passed away while pastor at Webster, N. Y., a little less than a year ago. The death of this son, a minister of her beloved church, in his early prime and promise was a shock to the mother, from which in her feeble health, she never recovered.

She also leaves one brother, O. C. Homer of Gouverneur and one sister, Mrs. George A. Bowman of St. Louis.

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