

[Smith, Ida May Chapin]

MRS. G. K. SMITH HAS PASSED AWAY  
Prominent in Church and Social Life of Community—  
Former Teacher in Perry Academy

While it was generally known that she had been confined to her bed for several days, suffering from illness, news of the death of Mrs. G. K. Smith at about 7 o'clock last Monday morning came as a shock and caused profound sorrow in the hearts of her wide circle of friends, by whom she was held in devoted regard.

The deceased was a daughter of George A. and Belinda M. Chapin and was born in Perry on April 14th, 1855. Here she grew to womanhood, receiving her education at Perry Academy, in which she was afterward a teacher for several years.

She was one of a family of five children—two sons and three daughters—and is survived by [an] only brother, Addison G. Chapin of Placerville, Cal.

On August 5th, 1879, she was united in marriage to George Kimball Smith of Perry, who passed away four years ago last July. Five children were born of their union, viz: Allie [Albert], Hartwell L., Harry C., Kimball Dolbeer and Mrs. Lucy Waterbury. The first named died at the age of 5 years; the others survive. With the exception of Dolbeer, who lives in Syracuse, all reside in Perry. She also leaves five grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith was a woman of culture and refinement, of that even disposition and sunny temperament that prompted her to unflinching optimism born of an abiding faith in the love of the Heavenly Father for His children, and she lived the life of a true Christian. As a wife, mother and friend, she not only held but practiced the highest ideals.

She was a member of the Universalist Church and of the Mutual Friends Club, having been affiliated with the Club practically since its organization about a quarter of a century ago. While her home and family were her first consideration, she found time to take an active and appreciated part in her church and social duties, in which she gave efficient service as a Sunday School teacher and in her Club association prepared numerous literary productions that commanded admiration for their uniform excellence.

Mrs. Smith also served capably for several terms as a member of the Board of Education of our High School, and her intimate understanding of the needs and her genial personality made her a delightful associate to those whose privilege it was to serve with her.

She had a prominent part in our community life and was one of those dependable persons whose absence will be sorely felt. The bereaved family have the profound sympathy of the community in the loss of their beloved mother.

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Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her son Hartwell on St. Helena street, conducted by Rev. Clara Morgan [Universalist]. Interment will be made in Hope Cemetery, beside the remains of her husband.

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