

[Soule, Caroline Augusta White]

NECROLOGY

CAROLINE AUGUSTA SOULE, whose maiden name was White, was born in Albany, N.Y., September 3, 1824, and died at Glasgow, Scotland, December 6, 1903. Having graduated with high honors from the noted Albany Female Academy, in 1841, she was selected by Rev. Stephen R. Smith as principal of the female department of the Clinton Liberal Institute, where she soon met Rev. H. [Henry] B. Soule, then for a short time principal of the male department of the Institute, and she became his wife in 1843. Nine years later Mr. Soule, having just begun to build up a Universalist parish in Lyons, N.Y., died after an illness of a few days [smallpox]. Mrs. Soule published a Memoir of her husband, in 1853, and thus began a literary career which extended through many years; first as associate editor of the "Ladies' Repository," then editor of our long-time popular Sunday School paper, "The Guiding Star," and a regular contributor to our annuals, "The Rose of Sharon," and "The Lily of the Valley." She was the first president of the Woman's Centenary Association; then the Association's Missionary and Evangelist to Scotland. Afterwards she was pastor at Glasgow several years. She began to preach the first Sunday in 1875, in the Chapin Home, in New York, and had several years' experience in the pulpit before her ordination, which took place in Scotland, March 27, 1880.

Her interest in the higher education of woman, led her, while at the head of the W.C. A., to project and carry through a woman's professorship in Buchtel College and the S. Mary's professorship in St. Lawrence University. "She became quite well known in Glasgow, and was highly esteemed and loved, notwithstanding the hard Scottish prejudice against woman preachers... In her death the church mourns the departure of one of its most distinguished women, and her friends a rare and sweet spirit, a gracious and loving personality, whose memory will be a healing balm, even amid the sorrow caused by her translation at a good old age."

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