

[Stebbins, Laura S.]

In Memoriam

Mrs. Laura S. Stebbins passed away at the Rochester Friendly Home on November 20, in her ninety-second year, after many months of invalidism. Mrs. Stebbins was born in Vermont, March 15, 1827 and had often expressed a desire to live to be one hundred years old.

She was married in 1852 and had three children, a daughter [Anna] and two sons [Charles and George].

Constant in their attendance at church, Mr. [Charles C.] Stebbins and she were always pleased to greet their friends and it was a delightful place to visit.

After her husband's death the home was sold and [on] December 12, 1908, Mrs. Stebbins entered the Friendly Home where so long as her health and strength permitted she was always kind and helpful and a most delightful inmate at the Home. A year ago she was stricken with an incurable disease which slowly but surely weakened her until she passed away.

Among the qualities most often noted by her associates were her incurable optimism and her refusal to be bound by the physical limitations of her condition and surroundings. A favorite pastime of hers was to "take a trip" to California, Florida, Europe or Asia. With the help of sympathetic friends she assembled time-tables, guide books &c and really seemed to get as keen a delight from her "imaginary journeys" as many an actual traveler. She furnished to all an inspiring example of the supremacy of mind over matter.

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