

[Tanner, Polly Knowles]

Obituary.

Died, in Chicago, Ill., June 6, 1899, Polly Knowles, wife of M. C. Tanner, at the residence of her son, S. R. Tanner, 3808 Langley avenue, aged 67 years, 3 months, and 13 days.

Mrs. Tanner was born in Clarendon, N.Y., and married there Nov. 27, 1853. She was from a child very much devoted to Sunday-school and church work, and was one of the little band who re-organized the church at Fairhaven, N.Y. She joined the Universalist church at Clarendon in her youth and took her letter of transfer when she went west. Few women have left a better record as wife and mother. She was faithful to every duty. In her very presence was a quiet and holy influence which subdued all harshness and severity of tone or manner, harmonized all discord and strife, rebuked all evil thoughts and utterances, inspiring a love of purity and a devotion rarely equaled. The most of her life was spent in the neighborhood in which she lived for many years. There her virtues were known and recognized in the whole circle of her acquaintance. She had no enemies, but a heart full of kindness and love. Her removal [to Chicago] was a great loss to the church of the Good Shepherd in Gaines, of which she was a member, but a much greater loss to husband and son; and yet to these it cannot all be darkness, solaced by the memory of the noble virtues of her whole christian life, and sustained by the faith and hope she cherished, they cannot mourn as others that have no hope. While the heart is overwhelmed they will not cry unto the Lord in vain, "lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

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