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MRS. WM. E. MANNING TODD

Mrs. William E. Manning Todd, wife of Dr. Todd, pastor of our Gloversville church, died suddenly while visiting her daughter in Greenfield, Indiana on March 15th. The following tribute to Mrs. Todd is reprinted from the Rockford, Illinois Press. The sympathy of Universalists throughout the state goes out to Dr. Todd.

"Rosa Jane Stover Todd, daughter of the late William Stover, and wife of the Rev. Wm. E. Manning Todd, pastor of Central Collegiate Church [?? should be All Souls Universalist church], of Gloversville, N.Y., ascended into the everlasting life at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. Homer Snodgrass, at Greenfield, Ind., Monday morning, March 15, at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Todd was born in Adams County, Iowa, 58 years ago, where she grew to womanhood and obtained her early education, and where she did her first teaching. She was a teacher of the first class [grade] and had county schools for seven successful years and her students are still found there in scores.

[On] Christmas Day, 1890, she entered into wedlock with Rev. Wm. E. M. Todd, D.D., and with him has been busy in the work of schools and churches ever since, her activities reaching into the plans of half a thousand churches and other institutions over the towns of the nation from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans. Chief among them being Fall River, Mass.; Bristol, R.I.; Gloversville, N.Y.; Washington, D.C.; Key West, Fla.; Brookfield, Mo.; Richmond, Va.; Greenfield, Ind.; Omaha, Neb.; Oklahoma, Alabama, Tennessee, Lincoln, Neb.; Butte, Mon., and Portland, Oregon.

Assisting her husband in his church work she has used they keyboards of more than a hundred organs, pipe organs and pianos and sung in more than a hundred choirs. She has given many addresses of moment, led many a movement of advance in literary work, in Sunday school work and in work among the fraternities. In educational work she has been unexcelled as a teacher of English and mathematics and her graduates are found in important positions in many of the states. She enthusiastically supported her husband's work among the churches, winning the loving affection of thousands throughout the states of the nation.

In social life she was a charming hostess and for thirty-five years of her married life her family rarely ever sat by themselves at their table. She was active in all woman's work, auditor of the Federated Clubs of the West, member of election boards and with all this she was a careful mother and loyal chum with her son and daughter. She was a queen among American

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mothers, devoted to love and goodness, and was proud to be known as an earnest follower of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

In purity she was a princess, in integrity a peeress, in steadfastness, a host immortal and in loving service the essence of the holy religion her life honored. She will be missed over a wide scope of the land as a presence of greatest light and inspiration, and lamented as absent only in the body, but always present in spirit with those of her loving regard. Of nearest relationship she leaves with the earth life her husband, Rev. Wm. E. Manning Todd, Gloversville, N.Y.; her daughter, Ruth Miriam, now Mrs. Glen Hunter Snodgrass, of Greenfield, Ind.; her son John William Stover Todd, of Rockford, Ill."

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