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Obituary Notes

—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Perkins, wife of James D. Perkins, died at her residence, 123 Woodland avenue, yesterday morning, March 30, after an illness of several months. She was the daughter of the late John and Mary Everett, and was in her 79th year. She had been a resident of New Rochelle the past five years.

Funeral services will be held at her late residence to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Boston, Mass., for burial.

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Sarah Elizabeth Perkins

Our last issue contained a brief notice of the passing away of the subject of this sketch.

Mrs. Perkins was born in the town of Mason, Maine, April 10th 1827. She was the daughter of John and Mary Everett. The family is of French descent, her grandfather, Pierre Everard, was one of the early French settlers in Maine about 1750, that state at the time being little more than a wilderness. The family moved to Boston in 1848. Her marriage to Mr. Perkins took place January 14, 1852; the ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Miner, for nearly 50 years pastor of the Old School Street Universalist Society in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were connected with this church until their removal to New York in 1873, covering a period of over 20 years.

Mrs. Perkins' activity in religious, charitable and educational work commenced with her married life. In the church and Sunday School she shared with her husband his responsibilities as teacher and superintendent for many years. She early became interested in the efforts for the alleviation of sufferers from consumption; when the Home for Consumptives was opened by Dr. Cullis at Grove Hall, Dorchester, Mass., in 1855, she secured the admission of the first patient in that institution. In Brooklyn she was much interested in hospital work, particularly in the Cumberland Street Homeopathic Hospital. During the 20 years of her residence in the Eastern District, Brooklyn, she was one of the managers of the Industrial School for Homeless Children in that section of the city. Her interests in this work continued after her removal to New Rochelle until her death. She was also connected with All Souls' Universalist Church of Brooklyn until her removal to New Rochelle in 1901.

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Mrs. Perkins' interest in educational work commenced with the opening of Tufts College, Mass., in 1852. During the intervening years she has watched with much pride the rapid growth of this institution, counting among her closest friends the president, trustees and many of the faculty of that college, who in recent years have found a warm welcome to her home in this city. A scholarship in her name in the Divinity School of Tufts, is an enduring testimony to her devotion to that institution.

It has been a source of justifiable pride to her during recent years that her two grandsons, Edgar P. Wilson and Rodney M. Wilson, were students at Tufts, their occasional homecoming being anticipated as the brightest events of her life. In her active years, she was her husband's companion on his business travels which carried them into every State in our country. But it was in her home life that she found her supreme felicity and in that circle the sweet fragrance of her life will remain as a perpetual benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins celebrated their golden wedding in their New Rochelle home January 14th, 1902.

Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Nellie Everett Wilson, wife of Benjamin W. Wilson, Jr., and three grandchildren; a daughter, Ella Frances, died in 1858.

Funeral services were held at her late residence, 123 Woodland avenue, this city, Monday afternoon, and were conducted by the Rev. J. [John] Coleman Adams, D.D., a former pastor, now of Hartford, Conn. Appropriate musical services were rendered by Mrs. Daniel T. Wilson, of Brooklyn, an intimate friend of the family.

The interment was in the family plot in the Codman cemetery, Dorchester, Mass.

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