

should ever be shipwrecked and lost
Under 8 can look over his record and
see who to mourn for.

— Mrs. Sarah C. Parker, wife of Prof.
L. F. Parker, passed from this earthly
life about 2:30 in the afternoon of June
5th. Her age was seventy-two years.
The funeral services will be held at the
Congregational church on Sunday after-
noon at 3 o'clock, preceded by a brief
service at the house at 2:30. Friends
who wish to look upon Mrs. Parker's
face again may call at the house between
3 and 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, or
between 9 and 10 on Sunday morning.
The services at the church will be con-
ducted by the Rev. E. M. Vittum, Pro-
fessor S. J. Buck, and Mrs. A. L. Frisbie
of Des Moines.

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▲ TRIBUTE TO MRS. L. F. PARKER.

A noble and beautiful earthly life
ended on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs.
Sarah C. Parker entered upon the
heavenly life. Her long time of suffer-
ing and weariness has changed into an
eternity in which there shall be no more
pain, but a rest that remaineth.

Seventy-two years ago Sarah Candace
Pearse was born in Sudbury, Addison
Co., Vermont. She was of puritan
ancestry, and her family was interesting
in a high degree. An intellectual and
christian ideal was a very intense factor
in the family life. This love of educa-
tion led the father to build up the home
schools, and to make use of more dis-
tant advantages for his children.

Anti-slavery and temperance were
household topics of conversation, and
the children became possessed of strong
convictions concerning them. Mission-
aries were frequent and welcome visitors
in that house, and the children believed
in prayer and effort for the conversion of
the world. Music was such a part of
the family life that parents and children
seemed to have a song adapted to every
circumstance from the matin song that
waked the children to the evening hymn
that sent them to retirement. This
singing not only beautified and graced
their daily life, but enobled it, because
of the high motive and religious thought
of which that music was the expression.
The foundation thought upon which

this family of four brothers and sisters
were reared, was that they were walking
in the sight of God and their lives were
to be a loving, intelligent and constant
service to others. This conviction
remained with all the children through
life.

When Sarah Candace Pearse left her
home to attend school at Castleton Sem-
inary and afterwards at Oberlin, her
beautiful character was already formed,
and these two institutions but refined,
cultivated and strengthened it. Her love
of music and ability as a singer, placed
her at once in the choir at Oberlin, and
her clear soprano voice—easily taking
high C—put her at the head of that choir
of one hundred singers, and she took
chief soprano parts in all the fine oratorio
concerts that were given in Oberlin at
that time. She was a teacher also while
in the college as a student, and inter-
rupted her college course to teach two
years in the high schools of Cincinnati,
where she was offered the best place in
those schools that had ever been offered
a woman; but she returned to Oberlin
and graduated in 1851, in the same class
with Professor Parker, Colonel Cooper,
and General and Governor Cox and oth-
ers whose names are well known. She
afterwards taught with excellent success
in the seminary at Castleton, Vermont,
where she had been a student, and at
Willoughby Seminary in Willoughby-
Ohio. In her later days it was a pleas-
ure to her to meet these former pupils
and to hear them express their gratitude
and affection for her.

In 1853 she was married to Professor L.

F. Parker, in the more recent home near
Oberlin, Ohio. It was an ideal wedding
on a pleasant summer's day—with little
tables spread for refreshments placed on
the lawn. The young couple went a-
once to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, where
they taught in the public schools, and
wherever they resided Mrs. Parker
taught with her husband and sometimes
in his place, as when at Iowa City she
taught his history class during his ab-
sence in Europe. She also taught his
tory in Iowa College, and for seven
years was Lady Principal. It was no
perfunctory service with her. She put
the best of herself into it, and strove to
awaken and develop in the minds of the
young women—and young men also—of
the college ideals and purposes that
should elevate their own lives and bene-
fit others. She was a true friend to each
individual, taking them into her home,
helping them physically and practically,
but her chief purpose was to bring out
of mind and spirit the best that was
within them.

Mrs. Parker loved the beautiful in na-
ture and in art, and her trip to Europe
as well as other visits to the mountains
and seashore were enjoyed by her to a
very unusual degree. She had a calm ex-
terior. Comparative strangers may have
thought her precise and reserved. In-
stead of this, she possessed a wealth of
love, and among special friends she de-
lighted in giving and receiving tokens of
affection.

We can easily trace her love of mis-
sions to that early home training, and
while all her life was truly a missionary
life in its service to others, yet her dis-
tinctive work for the Bohemians in Iowa
City and her years of strong and efficient
service as Iowa State Secretary of Wom-
an's Work for woman in foreign lands,
began twenty-four years ago.