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MRS. DEBORAH E. BUTLER.

Deborah Lawrence Wilde was born Feb. 10th 1829, at Quaker Springs, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and passed from this life to the life beyond, Feb. 28th, 1903, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Wiley, Grinnell, Iowa.

She was united in marriage to Charles Butler, of Easton, Washington Co., N. Y., Feb. 10th, 1853, where they resided until Nov. 1864. They then moved to Vineland, N. J., on account of her poor health.

She was a lifelong member of the Society of Friends and very active in all good work.

She was the first woman in New Jersey to serve as member of the school board. She was member of New Jersey State Peace Association and also the Woman's Suffrage Association for a number of years, besides taking an active part in all that tended to make the town in which she lived better. She was very active in the anti-slavery cause, writing and lecturing a good deal.

She was ideal home-maker and her house was always open to her friends and the friendless. She was never so busy that she could not find time to do for those who needed her help.

She has passed through a number of severe illnesses but was always patient and cheerful believing that He doeth all things well. She has resided in Grinnell with her daughter most of the time since 1889. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn their loss.