

Mrs. Nellie Greene Clarke Parker Dies

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A host of friends are extending their sympathy to Miss Nellie Greene Clarke on the death of her mother, Mrs. Nellie Greene Clarke Parker, for whom funeral services were held from the Ives & Warren Chapel.

Leaving behind her a record of selfless activity and service that continued through the eighty years of her life, Mrs. Parker's passing brings sorrow to innumerable friends in Pasadena and other places where she made her home.

Possessing a rare gift of winning and holding friendships, Mrs. Parker was loved to the end for her keen mind, her spontaneous sympathy, and a personal charm that made her home a center for her associates.

Born on June 14, 1849, at South Point, Lawrence County, Ohio, she was the daughter of David McLoughlin Greene and Jane McAlilly Greene. A year after her graduation from Oberlin College, in 1869, which was quite an achievement for a woman in those days, she married E. W. Clarke and lived for the twelve succeeding years of her life in Painesville, Ohio. During these years she held many high executive positions in the Woman's Temperance Crusade and in church and Sunday school work.

Following Mr. Clarke's death, she moved to Grinnell, Iowa, where for twenty-five years she was prominent in missionary work, serving as a member of the state executive board and for three years as president of the Iowa branch of the W. B. M. I.

In 1903 she married Professor Leonard Fletcher Parker, who died eight years later. Oak Park, Ill., then became her home for a short time, until 1912, when she removed to California because of ill health.

Although Mrs. Parker for a while made her residence in Long Beach, of recent years she had lived here with her daughter, Miss Nellie Greene Clarke, who is principal of Washington Junior High School.

While declining health forced Mrs. Parker to give up the activities which had absorbed her before coming to California, her many friends in this city bear witness to the fact that her enthusiasm carried on into domestic life, drawing to her home not only older people, but young ones, among whom she had many close friendships.

Besides Miss Clarke, she is survived by a great granddaughter, Elizabeth M. Clarke, the daughter of Mrs. Parker's son, Elbert J. Clarke.

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