

MRS. JOHN WARE ADAMS
(EMILY KENDALL PORTER)

DIED JAN. 28, 1912

Mrs. Emily K. Adams entered into rest on Sunday evening, January 28. For a few years past she has not enjoyed her usual health and within a month or six weeks a gradual but positive decline had manifested itself. All that lay within the power of medical skill, efficient nursing and loving suggestions was done for the patient's comfort and recovery, but the heart proved unequal to its task. Peacefully the end came, and her gentle spirit, always so reconciled to the varying experiences of life, answered the heavenly summons in willing submission to the Divine will.

At her late home on Foster street, a beautiful and impressive service was held on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, pastor of the Unitarian church, offering words of comfort, reading scriptural passages and poems especially appropriate and sustaining and paying to the deceased a well deserved tribute. Mr. J. M. Hartwell, with much sympathy of tone and expression, rendered "The Lord is my shepherd."

Floral tributes were many and very

beautiful. The interment was in Westlawn.

Mrs. Adams, who was, previous to her marriage, Miss Emily Kendall Porter, was born in Sterling, seventy-two years ago this month. During her early childhood she moved with her parents and other children to Stow, where she spent most of her girlhood and received her education. Miss Porter was married to John Ware Adams of Littleton, and has made her home in this town ever since. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born six children. The oldest son, William, passed away twelve years ago. Mrs. Adams is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Nahum H. Whitcomb and Misses Lucy and Emily Adams of this town, two sons, John and James of Concord Junction, four grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Smith of Stow and Misses Harriet and Lydia Porter of West Acton.

By these dear ones and the many friends who cherish her memory Mrs. Adams will be greatly missed, for in their lives and affection she held a large place. To her home they were ever welcome and in her presence they found peace and joy and fond companionship. A lover of home and family, she ever devoted her love, her thought and her activities to their highest interests.

Sorrow, disappointments and other trials she met with a stout heart and a cheerful countenance, trusting herself to divine guidance, hoping and reaching for those abiding possessions which make life sweet and bring heaven close to earth. In the community Mrs. Adams had formerly taken her place and honored it. Her high regard for the town and its institutions particularly the church and the King's daughters' circle, found frequent expression in her life. Broad in her sympathies and free in her charity she did good as she had opportunity, winning the approval, the respect, and the love of all who were blessed by her friendship, well earning an entrance into the larger and more abundant life that is free from physical limitations.