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Fla., and Floyd Wainman, of Jacksonville, Fla. friends mourn the departure of one who made use she lived in it. Well informed in Bible ual experience, childlike in faith and firm in r memory is a holy inspiration. The best lation of her unselfish life.

were held in the home of her daughter, Mrs. k Methodist Episcopal Church, Buffalo, N. Y. stor, and the writer officiated. Interment was the graves of her loved ones.

FREDERICK H. COMAN.

### MRS. C. R. BUCK.

he spring sun reached its zenith, on Friday, apham Park, Webster, N. Y., an angel whisa M. Davis, the beloved wife of the Rev. C. R.

ave thy house of clay; ing dust, resign thy breath; ast thy chains away, be thou dissolved in death. from a world of woe; me to a land of rest.

parents, Isaac W. and Elizabeth Davis, in ember 16, 1852, she opened her eyes upon this welve years of age, the family removed to living here, she opened her heart to the the church of which she remained a faithful ved into the Church Triumphant. In Decemin marriage to Charles Romanzo Buck, in ty, New York. She and her husband taught ton, N. Y. While here, there was born to

In 1878, together, they began life in the senwood, N. Y., being the first appointment. ty years of the ministry of life, they chose

an of rare and exceptional ability, and withal gness to serve in whatever direction the call n active member of the W. C. T. U. and the 1e Church, often serving in each of these as Her beloved sphere was the Church and the excelled, especially as a teacher. The classes, luring the active years of her life, received er wise counsels. With her sweet spirit she twored with her close acquaintance. Every-

where she evinced the traits of "the child of the King." For nearly two years she had slowly and gradually shown the signs of impaired health, but not until a few hours before her departure was she confined to her bed. When the final moment came, it was a literal "falling asleep in Jesus," calm, peaceful and serene.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband the Rev. C. R. Buck, a daughter, Mrs. C. S. Hawkins, of Rochester, a grandson, Raymond A. Hawkins, and a brother, D. W. Davis, of Webster.

The funeral services, held from the home in Lapham Park, on Monday, May 6, was in charge of Rev. Ray Allen, D. D., District Superintendent of the Rochester District, assisted by Rev. J. H. Olmstead, of Brockport, and Rev. G. M. Harris, her pastor. Interment was made in the Webster Rural Cemetery.

GEO. MORTIMER HARRIS.

#### MRS. ARTHUR PARTINGTON.

Mrs. Anna Mary Partington, wife of the Reverend Arthur Partington, pastor of Grace Church, Corning, New York, died in Corning, June 13, 1918. Her death occurred at the end of a few days of acute illness. The best skill of surgeons was used in an effort to save her life, but without avail. The end came peacefully and was met with the same patience and fortitude which marked her life through the number of years that she had been a sufferer.

Mrs. Partington was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Harlow, of Oldham, England. She was born in MacClesfield, Cheshire, England, February 15, 1876. Reverend and Mrs. Partington with their two children, Doris and Donald, came to this country in January, 1913. They began their work in Genesee Conference at West Sparta. Their second charge was Johnsonburg from whence they came to Grace Church in the fall of 1916. Mrs. Partington's help in these churches won her many friends and was marked by the winning of many to the Christian life in her Sunday School classes.

The funeral was held from Grace Church, June 15, 1918. Dr. L. L. Rogers, Superintendent of the Corning District, was in charge. Dr. E. P. Hubbell, of Rochester, gave the message of the hour. Several ministers of the District and of the city were present and assisted in the services. Burial was made in Hope Cemetery, Corning. At the grave the accustomed ritual service of the Church was used, and the quartette from Grace Church sang "Rock of Ages."

Mrs. Partington's bright hope and cheerful confidence made her life a constant Christian blessing to all who came to know her. She was brought up in a Christian home whose culture and training led her by gradual steps into the Christian life in such a manner that there was never a time when she did not feel the consciousness that she was Christ's and He was her's. This deep experience held her life in an

even course even through the Dark Valley. Wherever her life has been known, many will cherish her memory for her true worth and noble womanhood. The church and community gave its very great appreciation in the kindest services and extended to Brother Partington and his two children their deepest sympathy.

It is very fitting to quote Mrs. Partington's favorite poem to close this brief word on her life:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me.
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep

Too full for sound or foam

When that which drew from out the boundless deep

Turns again home.

G. S. G. HARES.

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