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mond and Pastor O. B. Close. Then came the long journey to Watertown, N. Y., where in the beautiful Brookside Cemetery she was laid beside the grave of her husband, the last service of appreciation being conducted by Rev. C. E. Hamilton, D.D., of University Avenue Church, Syracuse, and Rev. W. H. MacClenthen of Arsenal St., Watertown. The scripture selection, the 31st chapter of Proverbs, being peculiarly appropriate to this excellent woman. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

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**MRS. EMILY F. B. VERNON**

EMILY B. widow of Rev. Leroy M. Vernon, D.D., L.L.D., departed this life on August 8, 1913. In 1871 she became the wife of the princely man whose name she bore for 42 years. In the autumn of that year Dr. and Mrs. Vernon set sail for Italy, where for 17 years they gave themselves without stint to the work of erecting the standard of the Cross in the Eternal City and the establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rome. During these years eight children were born to them, three of whom are buried in Italian soil.

On returning from Italy, Dr. Vernon was invited to the First Church, Syracuse; and at the end of a successful five years' pastorate he became the Dean of the College of Fine Arts of Syracuse University, for which position of honor and responsibility he was eminently fitted. At this time he was transferred from the Central New York to the Northern New York Conference, of which he remained a member until his death on August 10, 1896.

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon were made for each other. They were different and still were alike. Each had royal qualities. He could not be otherwise than noble in bearing and she was at all times his gracious queen. After her husband's death Mrs. Vernon continued to make her home in Syracuse with her children, and in the First Church where she wrought in loving service as long as strength would permit, and where she was honored of all.

When such as she cross the divide of worlds a glow of golden glory is left behind to suggest the splendor of the heavenly country whither they have gone.

F. T. KENNEY.

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**MRS. IPHIGENIA GORTON DERMOTT**

IPHIGENIA GORTON DERMOTT was born January 4, 1848 in Brookfield, N. Y., and died August 17, 1913 in Taberg, N. Y. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Catherine Gorton. She spent her early life in Brookfield where she attended the public school, the Brookfield Seminary and later attended Cazenovia Seminary. She was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Brookfield, N. Y. Some lives appear to best advantage when viewed from the distance, hers by closer view and concrete knowledge.

She was favored with Christian parents. She breathed and early