# OBITUARY.

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Mrs. Melvina Pardee Adams was born at Canandaigua, New York, January 13, 1849. She was the only child of Rev. Peter Pardee, a minister of the Baptist church, and Sophia Howe (Phillips) Pardee.

Her education was obtained in the common schools of New York, and in the Naples Academy, one of the many private schools which flourished during the period preceding the general establishment of public High schools.

In 1867 she was married to Henry T. Adams and the early years of their married life were spent in the neighborhood of Shortsville, Ontario county, New York.

In 1884 the family, now ten in number migrated to Pennsylvania and for the succeeding ten years lived on the farm of George S. Good on the Lusk Run Road, two miles from Lock Haven, and at Chathams Run road, east of Lock Haven.

In 1894 the family again removed, taking up residence near Newark. N. J., and in 1903 the older children being scattered, the parents and the youngest son settled on a farm at Kellers church, Bucks county, Pa. In the succeeding years they converted this into a model fruit farm, with the added distinction of being a "State Demonstration orchard."

During the later years of her life, Mrs. Adams was a sufferer from an insidious disease which gradually gained on her as age brought lessened powers of resistance, and on January 17, 1912, at the home of her eldest daughter, Mrs. Dora M. Mantle, Beech Creek, Pa., she passed away.

She was a woman of deep religious experience and of unusual strength of character. She was a constant advocate of higher education and of her nine surviving children, three have taken Normal school degrees and four have been graduated from college and university.

From the cares of a busy life she found time to do a considerable amount of literary work, being a frequent contributor to the columns of the religious and rural press. She was for many years a member of the Womens' Christian Temperance Union, and up to within a few weeks of her death was an active worker in the Sunday school.

In the years of her life she crowded more of usefulness than is allowed to most. Her monument will be in the lives of the many who have been encouraged by her precepts and spurred on by her example to self-master

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She is survived by her husband and the following children: Dora, wife of A. W. Mantle; Mary, wife of J. W. Peck, Pine, Idaho; Lucy, wife of J. G. Ransom, Missoula, Mont; Faith, wife of A. M. Vandersall, Ypsilanti, Mich; William H. Adams, Detroit, Mich.; Lois, wife of J. H. Cook, Rossland, B. C., Canada; Ralph W. Adams, Spokane, Wash; Bernice R. Adams, Chicago, Ill.; Ellis P. Adams, Beech Creek, Pa.

The funeral services were held January 21st, at the home of Mrs. Mantle in Beech Creek, being conducted by Rev. Alexander D. Bateman, Presbyterian minister of Mill Hall, who took as his text, Mark 13: 33, 34 and 35th verses.

The casket was covered with beautiful flowers, a silent representation of the six absent children and were placed on the grave by the granddaughters. Beech Creek's noted white-haired singer, Fleming Trexler sang "We're Going Down the Valley" and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" very beautifully. Burial was at Fearons cemetery.

# SINGERS AT WILLIAMSPORT

St. Paul's Episcopal choir went to Williamsport on Monday night to participate in the singing of the mass choirs of the Archdeaconry of Williamsport at the first Bishop's meeting that has ever been held in an Archdeaconry of the United States.

Rev. Lewis Nichols, rector of St. Paul's, is Archdeacon and presided at the meeting which was held in the Lycoming Opera house. Three bishops of the Episcopal church were present and 25 rectors from all points of the archdeaconry. Every seat in the