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Portia Gage.

Mrs. Portia Gage, a highly respected pioneer citizen of Vineland, died on the 23rd of February, 1903. The following is a brief abstract of the address delivered at her funeral service by Rev. W.M. Gibert.

Mrs. Gage was born in Manlius in the State of New York, on the 15th of March 1813, and hence, at her death, lacked but 20 days of being 90 years old. Her maiden name was Portia Kellogg, daughter of Leonard and Sallie French Kellogg. She married to John Gage on Oct 4, 1830, and they lived together over 60 years, till his death on Dec 29, 1890.

At the age of 23, in 1836, she moved to Illinois and remained a resident of that State 28 years, first in Chicago for 12 years and then on a farm of 1500 acres 35 miles distant from Chicago. When she moved to Chicago the population was 3,000. It is now nearly, if not quite, 2,000,000. In the fall of 1864 she came to Vineland and lived here till her death, being a resident more than 38 years.

She was the mother of eleven children. Three of the eleven, Henry H. and Augustus N. of Chicago and J Porcius of Vineland, survive her and were with her during her last days. In addition to the care of her own children and her other very numerous domestic and social duties she practically adopted and helped to rear and educate eleven who were not her own.

Her life suggest some cheering thoughts, three of which we may now consider.

1. She was in a high degree ready for her departure. Her great age, the attainment of her life's chief objects, her rich and varied experiences, her developed character, her belief in a happy future life, the presence of here three sons with other near and dear relatives, and the general respect of the community, -all affirm that she was, like the ripe wheat, ready for the harvest.

2. She is an inspiring character for our contemplation. The impression she made upon those who knew her best is expressed by the word STRENGTH. In all respects she was a strong woman.

This was very obviously true of her..... *end of copy.*