
Alice Gertrude McCloskey

Pupils and teachers throughout the State have lost an unselfish friend and true coworker by the death of Alice Gertrude McCloskey. On the afternoon of Tuesday, October 19, 1915, she passed away at her home in Ithaca.

She had great love for the boys and girls of the country and had no deeper interest than the desire to contribute to the enrichment of their lives. Her last days have given us a noble example of this devotion. For months she had been ill, but in spite of her exhausted physical condition she worked on this number of the leaflet until a few hours before death came. The best of her life went into this publication, which she started and has carried forward with such success.

Miss McCloskey's educational message is well summarized in her belief that one must be something before he can do anything. She gave unsparingly of her time and energy for the betterment of school life in the open country. Her effort has left a permanent impress on rural education in this State. Through her written and spoken word many a teacher has been inspired with a zeal for the profession and has gone to work with new confidence.

She will not write for us nor speak to us again, but as a stimulus to high endeavor we shall have the remembrance of her unstinted devotion to helping boys and girls to become strong, resourceful men and women.
