

## Memorials of Sarah Childress Polk.

The wife of the eleventh president of the United States died at her home, Polk Place, Nashville, Tenn., on the 14th of August, 1891. She had reached the age of eighty-eight, and had survived her husband forty-two years. During that long period of widowhood she lived an uneventful life in the home to which the two returned at the close of Mr. Polk's administration, and where he died within three months. Left widowed and childless, she received into her household a young niece who, after her marriage, remained there; thus the bereaved woman became the honored and beloved center of a happy family group. Such a life as that of Mrs. Polk affords scant material for a biographer. Yet those who have prepared this volume have succeeded in presenting a very attractive picture. Mr. Anson Nelson became her business manager before the war, and he and his wife were admitted to such terms of intimacy that they were in a position to write the memorials. They have made a connected account of Mrs. Polk's life, set forth with little incidents, records of her sayings, her habits and the visits paid her by distinguished persons from all parts of the country. She was a fine type not only of true, Christian womanhood, but of the high-bred Southern lady, belonging to an age of "courtly grace and sentiment." She was tall and of commanding presence, gracious in manner and hospitable. She said not long before her death that she had not been out into the world in those two score years, but had remained at home and received what came to her. Her character was well-balanced, her intellectual endowments of a superior quality and her influence pure and ennobling. The volume has several portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Polk and other illustrations.—  
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