

Obituary.

DEATH OF MRS. LYDIA H. SIGOURNEY, THE POETESS.

Mrs. Lydia H. Sigourney, a poetess who has added several fine volumes and numerous rich imaginative poems to the literature of the country, and who was familiarly called the "Poetess of America," died on the 10th inst., at Hartford, Conn., aged seventy-four years. Her health had long failed her from weakness natural to her advanced age. Mrs. Sigourney was born in Norwich, Connecticut, September 1, 1791. Her maiden name was Huntley. In 1810 she was engaged in teaching at Norwich, but in 1814 removed to Hartford, where she opened a large select school for young ladies and met with great success. While thus engaged she attracted the attention and admiration of the late Daniel Wadsworth, a gentleman of great artistic and literary taste and large means, with whose assistance she was enabled in 1825 to publish her first volume, "Moral Pieces, in Prose and Verse." Since that time she has published about fifty volumes of prose and poetry. In 1819, when twenty-eight years old, she married Charles Sigourney, Esq., of Hartford, a prominent merchant and banker. In 1840 Mrs. Sigourney visited Europe, and two years after published her "Pleasant Memories of Pleasant Lands."