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ADELAIDE LANE SMILEY.

Miss Adelaide Lane Smiley was born in Grafton, N.H. The rugged hills and the remarkable scenery of her native State were helpful teachers. Her home was both a typical and a somewhat exceptional New England household. Constant association with her father and grandfather, who were physicians, and whom she often accompanied in their long drives over the country roads of New Hampshire, developed habits of inquiry and accurate observation, fondness for natural scenery and a passionate love for out-of-doors life. Early familiarity with the occasions of disease and the action of remedies furnished impressive, concrete illustrations of the relation of causes to effects.

Miss Smiley was the oldest of several children and the prolonged illness of her mother cast the responsible care of the household upon the oldest daughter when she was a mere child. Yet during those years she read the works of the best living authors and standard English classics. This happy, busy home-life developed self-reliance, executive ability and an exacting demand for realities. The love of reading, of good literature and even of poetry was manifested not so much in fondness for rhetorical beauty of form as for the expression of truth and elevated thought.

Rocks, flowers, trees, birds, clouds and stars introduced to the