

July 10, 1869, James N. Steele, of Chicago, and now lives in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell resided in Leominster (at one time on the homestead farm of her father, as has been mentioned) until 1870, when, all but the youngest of their children having gone to Chicago to live, they also removed to that city and now live there, their sons and youngest daughter living with them. With her large family to rear and care for, she has led a busy life. In temperament she perhaps more nearly resembles her mother than did any other one of the children, having like fortitude, equanimity, and faithfulness in the performance of every duty.

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.” In other words, she is a model New England wife and mother.

Alvah Augustus, the eighth son and twelfth child, was born May 30, 1823. His childhood and early youth, like that of his brothers, was passed at home, where, like them, he was required to contribute his labor, however slight it might be, towards cultivating the farm to support the family. From his sixth till his eleventh year, he usually attended the district school during the summer and winter terms. After he reached the age of eleven years, until he left home, he only attended during the ten or twelve weeks of the winter