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**BIOGRAPHICAL**



IN MEMORIAM  
JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL

BIOGRAPHICAL

JOSEPHINE SHAW was born at West Roxbury, Massachusetts, December 16, 1843. Her father was Francis George Shaw who gave to his daughter an inheritance of character, some conception of which may be gathered from Mr. Choate's address at the memorial meeting. From seven to twelve years of age, with her parents, brother and three sisters, she lived in Europe, attending school at Paris and in a convent at Rome, and gaining a mastery of French, Italian and German. After her return she was in school one year in New York and one year in Boston. She was married to Charles Russell Lowell at her father's home on Staten Island, on October 31, 1863.

On October 19, 1864, almost exactly one year after their marriage, her husband, while serving under General Sheridan, was killed at the battle of Cedar Creek. Mrs. Lowell's brother, Robert Gould Shaw, organized the first Negro regiment, the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts, and was killed while leading them in the assault on Fort Wagner. A bas-relief, by St. Gaudens, on Boston Common, appropriately commemorates this notable incident of the war, and the same artist's relief portrait of Mrs. Lowell is reproduced as the frontispiece of this volume through the kindness of her daughter. Mrs. Lowell's death occurred at her home in New York City on October 12, 1905. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Huntington, of Grace Church, and her