MISS SUSAN E. BLOW DEAD.

Aged Educator Was Known as "Mother of the Kindergarten."

Miss Susan Elizabeth Blow, called the "Mother of the Kindergarten" of the public schools of this country, died on Sunday at her home in The Berkeley, 20 Fifth Avenue, in her seventy-fourth year. She was born in St. Louis and was a daughter of Henry Taylor Blow, a former United States Minister to Venezuela.

Miss Blow studied abroad and became a pupil of Froebel. On her return to St. Louis in 1873 she commenced her kindergarten work, paying all its expenses for the first year. She was very successful, and from that time on it became a recognized part of the training of children. Following this, Miss Blow opened a school for kindergarten teaching in St. Louis, from which both Laura E. Fisher, founder and director of the Laura Fisher Training School in Boston, and now at the head of the New York Kindergarten Association, and Miss Mary Watterman, Superintendent of the kindergartens of the association, are graduates.

Miss Blow established the course known as "History and Philosophy of Education" at Teachers College in 1909, which has since become one of the most valued series of lectures there. She was Chairman of the Committee of Nineteen of the International Kindergarten Union, and was the author of "Educational Issues in the Kindergarten."

Her body was sent to St. Louis, where the funeral will take place today in Christ Church Chapel.

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