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Economics class for Negro girls was established in Virginia. It was ²⁰ under her care that one of the first "Garden Clubs" in Virginia was established. This club was for Negro women, who learned much from it towards home improvement. She was a very real friend of the colored people of Franklin, and many of them counted her a close personal friend because of her "understanding heart". There are many colored people who recall with thankfulness a life lived with concern for them.

Although she had a lively interest in the activities of her community she had a deeper one for her family and friends and her Meeting. She and her sisters maintained a home known for its hospitality and friendly atmosphere, where young and old felt welcome and comfortable. When her children were small the home was a center for their playmates, with their mother always near by to entertain and care for them. So it was in all their years of growing up, not only for her own, but for many other young people as well. She had an unusual gift as a teacher of children and young people. Many lives were enriched by her teaching in the Bible School at Bethel over a long period of time, as she began teaching at an early age.

She gave freely of her ability to help whenever it was needed to all who came to her, for her wise counsel was sought on a wide variety of problems. She was quick to express her love and understanding in times of trouble and her happiness in times of joy. Her love was boundless and her sympathies overflowing. In her later years when her physical strength failed she wrote letters, having a very real gift in expressing her love and appreciation of other peoples' conditions. She had a very sociable nature. She, in company with her sisters, will live in the memories of many persons as bountiful and gracious hostesses, when the many happy occasions are recalled when they were welcomed into the beautiful home, either singly or in numbers, where guests of a widely varying taste and outlook were received in a spirit of love and sincerity. The Pretlow home stood