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Biography

Ednah Dow (Littlehale) Cheney (27 June 1824-19 November 1904), reformer and biographer, was born and educated in Boston. She had literary pretensions and made the acquaintance of Emerson, the Alcotts, Theodore Parker, and Margaret Fuller, whose Conversations she attended and who greatly influenced her. In 1853 she married the painter Seth Cheney. After his death in 1856, she devoted herself to various reform movements, including abolitionism and woman's rights. In her later years she lectured on art and the Transcendentalists at the Concord School of Philosophy. She died in Boston. Her *Louisa May Alcott* (Boston: Roberts Brothers, 1889) is still a useful biography.