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**LADD, Catherine, educator, born in Richmond, Virginia, 28 October, 1809. Her maiden name was Stratton. At the age of nineteen she married G. W. Ladd, a portrait and miniature painter, and began contributing poems, news-letters, and articles on education and art to southern journals and magazines. In 1841 she settled in Winnsborough, South Carolina, where she successfully conducted a large boarding school until the civil war began. She also published in the "Floral Wreath" and other periodicals tales, essays, and poems under the pen-names" Minnie Mayflower," "Arcturus," "Alida," and "Morna." In 1851 she began advocating in the press the encouragement of manufacturing industries and white labor in South Carolina, believing that cotton-growing could not much longer be carried on with**

profit in competition with the Gulf states. During the war she ceased teaching in order to care for sick and wounded soldiers, and she is said to have originated the design of the first Confederate flag. Her property having been destroyed by fire during the occupation of Winnsborough by General Sherman's army, she ~~resumed~~ resumed teaching. In 1880 she retired to a farm near Buckhead, South Carolina