

[Ackley, Polly Gardner]

DEATHS.

In Manchester, N.Y., on the 1st inst., of neuralgia, POLLY, wife of Rev. Oliver Ackley, in the 61st year of her age. Her funeral was attended on the 4th, and a discourse delivered in the Methodist church at Clifton Springs, by the writer hereof, to a large congregation of sympathizing friends. The death of Mrs. A. will make an aching void in many hearts. Her circumstances in life had been of that nature as to assure a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and by all she was esteemed as one of the best of women. As a wife, she was confiding and faithful; as a mother, most devoted and affectionate; as a friend and neighbor, kind and charitable; as a christian, sincere; as a companion, social, cheerful and happy. In her appearance she was dignified, though not haughty; as a lady, graceful and easy in her manners. When duty called, her ever busy hands were turned to all the various forms of industry. It may be said in truth, that her life has been one of care, of responsibility, and usefulness. The office of a clergyman in moderate circumstances, never lessens the cares and duties of the wife and mother; but it not unfrequently [infrequently] adds embarrassment and labor. They are liable to be called upon by friends at any hour of the day, late on Saturday night, or early on Monday morning, and the domestic duties of the family must be put aside, and the company received, however unprepared the minister's wife may be to entertain travelers. Few have sustained the trials of a clergyman's wife with more dignity, or honor to themselves, or given better satisfaction to those interested, than the deceased, and few have exercised more patience and fortitude, or maintained a broader charity. For the past few years, she had suffered much from sickness. But that suffering is now at an end. She has gone to rest in peace. May all who are afflicted by this dispensation of Divine Providence be comforted by the Gospel of Christ.

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