

[Austin, Sarah Ann Somerdyke]

Died.—In this city, on Sunday morning, 19<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. SARAH ANN AUSTIN, wife of Rev. J. M. Austin, aged 45 years. Her funeral will be held at his residence on William street, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to be present.

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In Auburn, N. Y. on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., Mrs. SARAH ANN AUSTIN, wife of our beloved Brother, Rev. J. M. Austin. The deceased was born in the city of New York, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1810, and at her death was aged 45 years, one month and 8 days.

Thus in the solemn, yet wise and beneficent province of God, an affectionate companion, a faithful and devoted mother, a kind and steadfast friend, has been called from all the endearing relations of life, to enter upon the glorious realities of heaven.—Whatever her lot had been cast in life, by her amiable disposition, her gentle and winning manners, her Christian spirit and life, she won the respect and esteem of all who knew her—and those who knew her best, loved her most... Consecrated to her family, it afforded her the greatest joy to contribute to the happiness of her husband and children, and she eminently succeeded in making home pleasant, attractive and happy. A large circle of relatives and friends deeply mourn her departure...

The sickness of Mrs. Austin, though severe and at times intensely painful, was borne without a murmur. She took the cup from the hand of her heavenly Father, and drank thereof without faulting his arrangements. She conversed with her husband and family upon her approaching dissolution, with the utmost composure and resignation, and resting in hope of a glorious immortality—sustained by the promise of God that she [w]ould again meet her kindred with a ransomed humanity in heaven—she calmly and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus...

May the hopes and consolations of the Gospel comfort the afflicted husband and children, and the aged mother, bowed in sorrow by this dispensation of divine providence.

The funeral was attended on Tuesday afternoon. A very able and comforting discourse was delivered on the occasion by Rev. G. W. Montgomery of Rochester, from Matt. xi:28.

D. P. L. [Rev. Daniel P. Livermore]

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