

[Babcock, Almira B.]

MRS. ALMIRA B. BABCOCK

DIED, in Auburn, Nov. 29, 1865, Mrs. ALMIRA B. BABCOCK, wife of Jesse Babcock, aged 53 years.

For twenty-five years Mrs. Babcock had been a member of the Universalist Society of Scipio, N.Y., and she had labored, during that time, faithfully and zealously for the promotion and advancement of religious truth. Her regard for Christian principle and Christian living was one of the strongest elements of her being...

When the late terrible struggle commenced, between the Government and the Southern Rebellion, her whole feeling was enlisted on the side of loyalty; and she gave up one noble boy [Lieutenant Horace B. Babcock, who died at his parents' home in Auburn on June 17, 1865], whom she loved as she loved her own life, to fight and fall in defence of the nation... Her very heart was with the brave men who were battling for freedom and right...and her labors during all that dark period were indefatigable in providing means for their encouragement and their comfort.

In 1864 she removed from Scipio to the city of Auburn, and connected herself with the Universalist Church there. But her health was declining, and the meetings which she loved so dearly she could attend but seldom. Yet she communed with God in her own home and with her own family, until the messenger called her away...

Her funeral was attended at the church in Auburn, on the 1st of December, Rev. R.[Richmond] Fisk officiating.

H. [Harvey] Boughton

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