

[Bliss, Martha]

OBITUARY.

Departed this life, November 5th 1869, Mrs. Martha Bliss, consort of Mr. Deloyd Bliss, of Cortland, N.Y., aged 31 years.

Deceased was subjected to a protracted and exceedingly painful run of typhoid fever, which her frail physical constitution was unable to resist, and so the spirit took its departure....

Mrs. Bliss was a woman of marked character, so much so as to entitle her to more than a commonplace obituary notice. She and her husband might be appropriately taken as a model of conjugal life, so harmonious and peaceful were their domestic relations, and so entirely consecrated were they to each other's happiness.

Mrs. Bliss was born and raised in the Universalist faith, and although subjected in her girlhood, for several years, to adverse influences, she remained true to her chosen faith to the last. She was reverential and pious by nature, and devoted unreservedly to her friends. On her death bed she expressed her entire confidence in "her God," and although the mother of two beautiful and promising children, and in the possession of a happy home, she appeared to be resigned, and declared that all was for the best. A more faithful, devoted and loving wife and mother, never graced the home circle, or presided as mistress at its sacred altars. And this was not all; she was deeply profound, sympathetic, and in response to the impulses of her womanly heart, that sympathy found active expression in deeds of sweet charity and fraternal love. She was a kind neighbor, ever obliging, thoughtful of the needs of others, and ever ready to lend a helping hand to the poor and oppressed. And especially was she known among all her acquaintances as an active missionary among the sick and the afflicted. And thus she had won to herself the esteem and respect of all who knew her. She was one of those rare persons who are fortunate enough to live in the world without an enemy. Thus living, she lived respected, and had attached to herself many warm and devoted friends, as was evinced in her last illness, for her lady friends flocked to her aid, and most devoutly sympathized with her in her affliction....

The evidences in support of an everlasting life for man, and his final triumph over all sinful conditions, are to us conclusive; and this faith which was ever cherished by the deceased, is not only a beautiful one, but well calculated to throw a hallowed light over all of life's journey, to rob death of its sting, and the grave of its victory.

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