

[Bowen, Martin R.]

DEATHS.

At the Kalorama Hospital, in Washington city, on Tuesday, the 15th ult., MARTIN R. BOWEN, of Sterling, Cayuga Co., N.Y. The deceased had been officially engaged in Washington for several months [as a clerk for Rev. Austin, who wrote the obituary]. While in the discharge of his duties, he was seized with that fearful malady, the small-pox, and after a sickness of two weeks departed earth for the better mansions above. He will be remembered by many whose eyes will peruse these lines as a travelling agent of the AMBASSADOR, some two or three years since, in which capacity he was very useful to the paper and to our cause at large, in which he was deeply interested. He was possessed of a quiet deportment and most amiable disposition—was truly a Christian in faith and practice, and was respected and beloved by an extensive circle of relatives and friends. At various periods he had filled public positions of honor and trust, and ever discharged the duties they imposed upon him with a fidelity and correctness that won the approbation of his fellow-citizens. His departure will be sincerely deemed a loss to the town of his residence, where he had made himself highly useful to [the] community by his public spirit and his cheerful readiness to serve his neighbors and friends to the extent of his ability. He leaves a widow¹ [Amelia Wood Bowen] and three young and interesting children [including Nellie and Frank] to lament his departure. May the rich blessings of God, and the sweetest hopes of the gospel comfort them in their great bereavement.

J. M. A. [Rev. John Mather Austin]

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¹ After the Civil War, Rev. Austin, who wrote the obituary, married Amelia Bowen.