

[Bradford, Alice E.]

DIED, In Newport, Herkimer Co., N.Y., March 4, Alice E., daughter of Hopestite [should be Hopestill] and Rebecca M. Bradford, aged 15 years, 1 month and 11 days. Her sickness was short and painful. From the first, she sought to impress upon the minds of her parents that her case was critical, and that her disease might prove fatal. Moved by her appeals to this effect, her mother sought anxiously to know if she feared death. "I am not afraid to die," she replied, "*but I would rather get well...*" Only about three months before her death, she was deeply affected by the sudden removal from earth of a dear schoolmate and friend. From that time she seemed to feel that she was nearing the verge of her own earth-life. And some of her more intimate friends, especially her mother, shared her apprehensions...

This is the third case of death in that immediate neighborhood occurring within a brief period, the victim of which was an only daughter. Each was seized with a violent disease and died suddenly... Each was the idol of the circle in which she moved. And...O! what bereavement has followed upon these ravages of death!...

It has been the lot of the writer to minister the consolations of the Gospel to the mourners of each of these cases; and his prayer is, now, that they may all find strength in mutual sympathy and reconciliation to these allotments of Divine Providence... [abridged]

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