[Britt, Alpheus]

DEATHS.

In Perryville, Madison county, N.Y., on the 23d ult., after a short but distressing sickness, of erysipelas terminating in typhus fever, Mr. ALPHEUS BRITT, aged 66 years. Br. Britt was a native of New Hampshire, but emigrated to this State many years ago, was one of the earliest settlers in Perryville, and has long been known in that region as one of the most industrious, upright and worthy members of society, and equally well known as an exemplary Christian and a devoted and consistent believer [in] and supporter of the glorious doctrine of impartial grace and universal reconciliation. In him was exhibited the salutary influence of the doctrine he held in life, and its consoling and all-sustaining power in sickness and death. He has left a widow and twelve children, mostly grown up to man and womanhood, to mourn his sudden exit. Yet they mourn not without hope, being sustained under their bereavement by the same blessed faith which the departed husband and father entertained, and assured that their loss is his unspeakable gain. His funeral was attended at the Episcopal church, on the 24th, and a sermon preached, by the writer of this, from 1 Sam. xv: 32, to a very large and attentive congregation, who evinced a deep sympathy and sense of the loss his family and the whole community had sustained. An Abolition meeting had been appointed at the same time and place; but his friends unanimously, in respect to his memory, consented to defer to another time their own meeting, and attend the funeral obsequies of the deceased.

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