

[Bruce, Melvina Mendall]

DEATHS.

At Oran, (where she was tarrying a short time on a visit,) on the 25th Sept., Mrs. Melvina Bruce, wife of A. [Albert] W. Bruce, of Sullivan, N.Y., and daughter of Mr. Isaac [and Mrs. Patience] Mendall, Ellisburg, N.Y., age 31 years. The death of Mrs. Bruce was very sudden and unlooked for. Although her health had been poor for some months, yet she had so far recovered as to encourage her family and friends to hope for a permanent restoration. But this hope was speedily blasted. After a brief and painful illness of three hours, she passed to the world of peace and rest. To a mind of uncommon intelligence, well cultivated and well stored with useful knowledge, Mrs. Bruce added a most affectionate and benevolent disposition. During her brief sojourn in Sullivan, she had won the highest regard of those who had the happiness to form her acquaintance. To her husband and children [including Austin, Emma, Ella, and Maria Bruce], her parents, brothers, sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends, her loss is irreparable. The blow was more severe to Br. Bruce, on account of her death taking place during his temporary absence in discharge of his ministerial duties. But it is consoling to know that he is sustained by the comforting influences of that precious Gospel, which he has so often been called to administer to others in like circumstances. On the 26th her funeral was attended by the writer, in the Church at Sullivan, where a large concourse of citizens attested by their presence, their esteem for the virtues of the departed.

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