

[Clark, Silvia]

DEATHS.

At Skaneateles, on the 16th inst., Miss SILVIA CLARK, eldest daughter of Chester Clark, Esq., in the 22d year of her age. Miss C. was an amiable, sensible and exemplary young woman. It is a number of years since she embraced the reasonable doctrine of the restitution of all things—and she has ever given the most conclusive evidence of her unwavering confidence in its truth and beneficial tendency. The goodness of God, manifested through the Gospel, was her meat and drink while in health—her constant and kind companion during about eighteen months of painful decline and confinement, and her only consolation and hope in the trying hour of death. She was a worthy and beloved member of our society in this place [the village of Mottville, in the town of Skaneateles]. But the icy hand of death has deprived us of her society—nevertheless, we shall be reunited where parting will be no more. To her affectionate father and loving mother [Laura Chatfield Clark¹], her sickness and death was extremely painful, she being the seventh child² that has been taken from them by death in about five years—four of them in a few hours, as it were. But I would say to our esteemed brother and sister, be patient—“Trust in the Lord,” and continue to do good, and God will smile graciously upon you—filling you with “all joy and peace in believing.”

Her funeral was attended on the following day by the writer, and the consolations of truth were tendered to a vast congregation of friends and neighbors, from Job xvi:5. “But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.”

J. C., jr. [Rev. Jacob Chase]

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¹ She was the mother of 15 children before her death on 23 Jun 1840 at age 47.

² including Emmet (1810-1810), Polly (1830-1835) and Sarah, age 15, Perry, age 7, Eliza, age 5, Fayette, age 3, who all died on different days 1828 after eating poisonous berries they had picked in the woods