

[Cowles, Sarah R. Kirby]

DEATHS

At the residence of her father, Joseph Kirby, in Bainbridge, Chenango co., on Monday, April 21, at 12 o'clock noon, Mrs. SARAH R. COWLES, wife of Wm. P. Cowles, of consumption, in the thirty-sixth year of her age. Thus has passed away from the earth a pure-minded, intellectual, and most excellent christian woman. Through a long state of bodily suffering, her spirit was cheerful and happy. She was a Universalist, rooted and grounded in the faith once delivered to the saints. And because she was such, she knew that "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." In communicating the sad tidings of his wife's departure, the surviving husband feelingly says, "My dear wife is gone! She died to-day at 12 o'clock, after long suffering, which she bore with patient resignation and consciousness, and she has gone to a better home, we trust. All the care that kind, doting parents and many warm friends could bestow, she had. All the skill of medicine was used in vain. God has called her, and although hard the struggle, to part with her was his good pleasure for some wise purpose which is veiled from us. She was the last earthly hope of her parents; and I believe had no enemy in this world, but very many warm friends to whom she was much attached. * * * Her dear parents are deeply smitten, and for myself I will not attempt to express the deep feelings of a stricken heart. It is enough that I am left alone, the last of a family of eight, without father, brother, sister or child—but there is much good in the world, and God will take care of his own." God bless our bereaved brother, and the afflicted parents from whom the last child is now taken away.

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