

[Felton, Martha Stacy]

DEATHS.

In Earlville, on the 24th of November, Mrs. MARTHA FELTON, in the 70th year of her age. She was a sister of our venerable father in Israel, N. [Nathaniel] Stacy. She was in many respects a remarkable woman—remarkable for the qualities of her mind and heart. The Scriptures were her inseparable companions, with which her familiarity was like that of household affairs. She had been a firm Universalist, in speech and practice, for many years; and she died in the triumphs of the “faith once delivered to the saints,” which had supported her through a lengthened widowhood, and cheered her with the promise of a spiritual reunion with the loved and lost of earth. Sister Felton was formerly a resident of Massachusetts, but she removed to central New York soon after the settlement of father Stacy at Hamilton. During later years, she resided with her children alternately in New York and New England. The writer of this brief obituary feels incompetent to speak of the merits of the departed, never having enjoyed a personal acquaintance with her. But those who best knew her worth as a wife, a mother and a Christian, assure him that too much can scarcely be said in her praise. Those who are thus deeply bereaved, by the departure of a Christian mother and a Christian friend to her final home, should mourn not as those with no hope. May the blissful assurances of Christianity be unto them a heavenly balm for their troubled bosoms. May they look to Heaven as their only source of strength and resignation in death’s fearful hour. And with a grief moderated by the Christian faith, may they be enabled to exclaim with true piety and fervor, “The will of the Lord be done.”

The funeral services were attended on the 26th of Nov., at East Hamilton, by the writer.

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