

[Fish, Mary Wood]

DEATHS.

In Venice, Feb. 27th, after an illness of about one week, of inflammation of the throat, MARY, wife of WILLIAMS FISH, Jr., aged 24 years and 8 months. I have seldom been called to an occasion more peculiarly afflictive, than this. I attended her wedding on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 13th<sup>1</sup>, and in just TWO WEEKS FROM THAT DAY, was notified of her death and requested to attend her funeral. Only TWO WEEKS A BRIDE!. Her husband had come from his distant home in Wisconsin, to marry the woman of his choice; intending, on the opening of lake navigation in the spring, to take her back with him to his prairie home. They were married. One week of happiness passed by—followed [by] a week of intense suffering on her part, and of fear and apprehension on his, and all was over! May God strengthen him, to bear up under this terrible bereavement. The funeral was numerously attended, on the 1st inst., at the residence of her father, by an audience that sympathized deeply with the bereaved, to whom the writer presented a lesson of divine truth, and attempted to comfort all who mourned.

H. [Henry] L. HAYWARD

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<sup>1</sup> In Venice on 13 Feb by Rev. H[enry] L. Hayward, [Williams Fish](#) Jr. [of Wisconsin] and [Mary Wood](#). (*Christian Ambassador*, Auburn, 15 Mar 1851)