

[Hicks, Charlotte B. Rockwell]

DIED.
[abridged]

In Luzerne, Warren Co. on the 8th Sept. ult. (of a fever, with congestion), Mrs. CHARLOTTE B., consort of Doct. Truman B. Hicks, age 27.

She was born at Milton, Saratoga Co. A.D. 1803, her parents, the Hon. Jeremy and Mrs. Betsey Rockwell, soon after removed to Hadley, where they still reside, and sent her at an early age, to a select school (at Litchfield, Connecticut,) where her respect for her instructors, her attachment to her associates, and scholastic duties, and her love of labor, then evinced and intimated what in time would be her morals, and her merits; constantly distinguishing herself by her mildness of disposition, her modesty and her success...

She was married Dec. 19, A.D. 1819, and "nature, and nature's God, smiled upon a union that was sweetened by love, and sanctified by law: misfortune lost half its anguish beneath the soothing influence of her smiles" and her connubial happiness might truly be said never to have been "chilled by indifference, blasted by suspicion, nor touched by unkindness," but expanded by the most affectionate attention, and guarded by perfect confidence, neither obscured by selfishness, sullied by carelessness nor contaminated by neglect—gave promise of increasing fragrance thro' long life.

She was a good daughter, a most excellent wife and mother, and a sincere friend; full of sympathy, charity and kindness, always less apprehensive for herself than for friends, she carried this virtue even to a fault; ever equal, frank and generous, often bearing without impatience, injustice and even injury. Such was her sweetness of disposition, and such the candor of her soul, that she often attempted to palliate the injuries which were aimed at herself; possessing a quick and ardent susceptibility, she made the miseries of others her own; the sigh of the bereaved widow, and the tears of the orphan penetrated every nerve of her sensitive soul, and elicited the most humane and kindly offices, to soothe sorrow and mitigate grief...

As a member of community she possessed those endearing qualities which bind the virtuous to those who know them. "needing only to be known to be beloved." Her character was unspotted, and her life a pattern of piety, a gentleness and goodness, which invariably attached her to all with whom she was intimate; possessing a rich, well cultivated mind, and a pleasing, affable deportment, she proved an ornament to society where she shone...

A few hours previous to her exit, she called for her Bible, placed and held it to her breast for some minutes and soon after said, "I am satisfied, I have not one unhappy emotion as to my temporal or eternal concerns."

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She had for several years past been a firm believer in an [sic] Universal Saviour, and continued to advocate the doctrine of the final happiness of all God's intelligent offspring...

Thus, in the morning of life, with bright hopes and fair prospects, she is cut down, and all the fond anticipations of kindred blasted forever... She has left a disconsolate husband and an only son eight years old, to lament her loss.

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