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ELIZABETH BABCOCK SCOTT

Elizabeth Babcock Scott was the daughter of Martin and Eunice Babcock and was born on Babcock Hill, N. Y., June 2, 1822. She was the oldest of a family of three daughters and two sons. Forty seven years ago she was married to Giles Scott and has since lived in the town of Brookfield about a mile south of the village of Bridgewater. Since the death of her husband, March 6th, last, she has been slowly losing strength and flesh, yet her death came suddenly and unexpectedly to those nearest and dearest to her. Last Sunday she rode to Fairview cemetery, at Bridgewater Center, making calls each way. On Wednesday she was taken with cholera morbus and dysentery; in her weak condition she was not able to stand this severe attack and on Friday afternoon at half past three o'clock, surrounded by her two sons, their wives, her only sister, her brother Henry and Miss Nellie Atkinson, she quietly breathed her life away. She was an amiable lady, loved and respected by all who knew her. She was a member of the Universalist church and has always lived a pure and consistent Christian life. A pleasant disposition helped to make her life a remarkably happy one. A cross word never escaped her lips and with her evenness of life and her pleasant manners she endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. Her home was indeed an ideal one and it may be questioned if there was a happier one in the Unadilla valley. While she was fond of society, it was in her home that she found her greatest enjoyment and never was she happier than when entertaining and making others happy. The poor and needy often received help from her. Since the death of her life companion her thoughts have been largely with him and there has been a longing to be released from earthly cares that the ties which were severed here might be reunited in the life beyond; and having lived a beautiful life she was fully prepared to enter into the enjoyment of that higher life. The light which gladdened this home only a few months since has gone out from it forever. The sympathy of the community not only goes out to the sons and other near relatives, but in a peculiar way to the brother who has enjoyed her home for a few months and to Miss Nellie Atkinson who has been a loved member of the family for about ten years. Each loses one of the best of homes and dearest of friends. She leaves two sons, Lorin R. and W. Irving, who have always lived with or near her, one sister, Mrs. Kezia Budlong, of Aurora, Ill., and two brothers, H. C. Babcock, of Babcock Hill, and Henry R., of Jacksonville, Florida. A large number of relatives and friends gathered at her late residence Monday morning to pay their last, tribute of respect and esteem. Rev. J. H. Stewart conducted the services.

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