

[Skinner, Eliza Lathrop Huntington]

DEATHS.

At Union Square, Oswego county, on the 15th ult., very suddenly, of dropsy on the lungs, Mrs. ELIZA, consort of Hon. *Avery Skinner*, (brother to the Senior Editor of this paper) [Rev. Dolphus Skinner], aged thirty years, ten months and two days. Two days before her death she had given birth to a daughter [Eliza Huntington Skinner], and was apparently doing well till a few hours before she expired. True, she had been complaining of ill health for some months, but no serious apprehensions were felt for her safety, inasmuch as no particular disorder was known to be seated upon her. The fatal disease, however, though insidious and secret, was none the less sure in its ravages; nay, it had secured its victim before the alarm was given, and the alarm bell and the knell of death rung together, in one moment, in peals of awful solemnity in the ears of the heart stricken husband. The stroke to him was rendered doubly severe by its suddenness, as not the least apprehension of serious danger was felt by him, till the last anguished, parting glance was given, the last expiring breath was heaving, and the pallid features of death announced that all was over. She had been a tender and affectionate wife, a benevolent and indulgent mother, a kind hearted companion, friend and neighbor, and being cut off in the noontide of life, her lost is most sensibly felt by her consort in life, who is thus left with the care of two little children [besides the newborn Eliza, 13 Jul 1833-19 Feb 1892, a son Timothy Warner Skinner, 24 Apr 1827-29 Mar 1915], and by the whole circle in which she moved, as she has resided in that neighborhood from her early childhood. Her funeral was attended on the 16th, and a sermon delivered from Psalm lxxxviii:18. May the God of all grace and consolation sanctify the dispensation for good, and comfort all who mourn, enabling them to say, "Not my will, but thine, O God, be done—the cup which my Father giveth me, shall I not drink it?"

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