

[Swift, Adney Eldridge]

DEATHS.

In Sharon, Schoharie county, on the 1st inst., ADNEY, consort of Mr. L. I. Swift, and daughter of Barnabas Eldridge, Esq., aged 36 years. She died of one of the most afflicting diseases which human nature is heir to—a disease confined wholly to the bones—those of the whole system wasting away with slow decay of almost the entire frame, attended with pain almost beyond endurance, until her stature was contracted nine or ten inches, and not being able to be removed from her bed for the last six months of her confinement, the whole period of which was three years, three months and three days. During the whole period she bore her pain and confinement with Christian fortitude and patience, putting her trust in the living God who is the Saviour of all men [sic], even to the last thereby testifying to all that there is a consolation to the believing, even in the most aggravated of human sufferings; and even amid all sufferings she could talk of the goodness of God, and of his loving-kindness unto the children of men [sic]. A few days before her death, she made a choice of the text to be preached from at her funeral, from which her mourning friends might find, not only the consolations of her own mind, but find peace and reconciliation in their bereavement—viz. Luke xxii:42, from which the writer of this addressed a large congregation of deeply sympathizing connexions and friends. She has left an afflicted husband and a promising family of children, an aged father and a large circle of brothers, sisters, connexions and friends, to mourn her loss; and as an example of the faithful, “she being dead yet speaketh.”

Job Potter

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