

[Swift, Asa Kingsbury]

DEATHS.

At Paine's Hollow, Herkimer county, on the 6th inst., of consumption, after a protracted and painful sickness, ASA KINGSBURY SWIFT, M.D., son of Lemuel [and Lurena/Laurena] Swift of that place. This was the fifth son [and sixth child] of amiable life and hopeful promise whom his afflicted parents have been called to follow to an early grave [including Cornelia, age 6; Lemuel, age 23; Charles, age 12; Rhoda, age 9; and Flavil, age 16]. Only one remains of their six to comfort and cheer them in the decline of life. The deceased has left a young and devoted wife, to whom he has been united but about one short year¹, to mourn, as she does most deeply, his early removal. A numerous train of relatives and friends, and the whole neighborhood for miles around, most feelingly deplore their loss. He left no enemy; for it is believed he never had one. He had just completed his professional studies preparatory to entering on the practice of medicine. But his usefulness was cut short at its very commencement. He was a devout and exemplary Universalist; and had for some time led the choir of singers at our meetings in that place. His funeral was attended at the church in Paine's Hollow, on the 8th inst., by one of the largest assemblages of people of all ages and denominations, ever assembled in that place, who all manifested the deepest sorrow and sympathy for the mourners as well as respect for the deceased, and to whom a discourse was preached on the occasion by the Editor of this paper [the writer], from Heb. vi:19. May God comfort the mourners and sustain them by that truly apostolic hope which is 'as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the veil.'

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¹ Married, In Newville on 11 Mar by Rev. J. Douglass, A. R.[K.] Swift, MD and Maranda Jones of Newville. (*Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate*, Utica, 27 Mar 1846)