[Tower, Elizabeth Stebbins]

DEATHS.

At Clinton, January 11th, Mrs. Elizabeth Tower, consort of Mr. J.H. Tower, and daughter of William and Polly Stebbins, aged 22 years. Seldom has the hand of the destroyer been laid upon a more interesting victim—or mingled in the cup of affliction the ingredients of deeper sorrow. The mother and her infant sleep together in the solemn stillness of death, and the same grave contains the object of a husband's love—a father's joy. Mrs. T. was young, amiable and beloved. In the morning of her days, she has been removed from the affections of a tender companion—from the embrace of the most fond parents, already deeply afflicted in the death of an infant son [Thomas R. Stebbins, age 3, who had died on 11 Dec 1830]—and from a numerous circle of sorrowing friends. But in her death there is yet consolation. She is at rest from the sufferings of lingering illness—from the trials and woes of human life. And her friends review her days with satisfaction, in the consciousness of their innocence, and look forward with hope to the period of reunion with her kindred spirit in a better world.

Her funeral was attended by many of the companions of her youth, to whom a discourse was delivered by Rev. A. [Aaron] B. Grosh, in which the sources of substantial comfort in affliction, were pointed out, and the undecaying blessedness of a future state presented for the hope of the believer.

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