

[Woodhull, Sally]

OBITUARY  
ANOTHER TRIUMPH

Died—in Madison, on Sunday morning, March 22d, of a consumption, Mrs. Sally Woodhull, consort to Mr. Stephen Woodhull, aged 34 years. Mrs. W. was an unshaken believer in the doctrine of “the restoration of all things.” And during her long and distressing sickness, although for weeks she had given up all hope of recovery, and bid adieu to every sublunary good, she was animated with the cheering and glorious prospect that she should [would] hereafter meet not only her dearest relations, but every child of Adam’s numerous race... And this faith she enjoyed to the last, notwithstanding she was visited by a neighboring clergyman of the Presbyterian order, who doubtless from the purest motives, sought to shake the foundation of her hope...

About two weeks before her death she expressed a strong desire to see the writer of this article. Her husband came for me—and I accordingly made her a visit, and subsequently another. In her I beheld the most perfect model of Christian meekness and resignation...

She requested me, herself, to attend and preach her funeral sermon, and with as much cheerfulness and ease as she would have invited me to a banquet.

Her life was virtuous, and the last part of it particularly, devotional. She was esteemed by all, and tenderly beloved by her friends. Although her relatives enjoy the unspeakable consolation of believing that her change is infinitely to her advantage and glory, yet they mourn the irreparable loss of an amiable and faithful wife—a fond and tender mother, (for she had one little son), —a dutiful and pious child—and an obliging and affectionate sister. And her acquaintances can never forget her voice of friendship, nor her deeds of kindness.

Let it no longer be said that the doctrine of universal grace, can give no consolation in the hour of dissolution. Although she had long been established in the faith, yet she said to me, that she never till now realised the value of it—that she looked forward, she feared, with too much impatience to the time of her change—and inquired of her mother, if it were sinful to want to die!

Oh that God would grant success to that doctrine which thus disarms the soul of its weapons of rebellion, emancipates it from many a fear, and crowns it with the richest joy.

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