

[Montgomery, Eliza]

DEATHS.

In Rochester, Nov. 15th, ELIZA, only daughter of Rev. G. W. [George Washington] Montgomery, aged 9 years and 4 months. Little Eliza was an interesting child, with judgment and intellect which would have done honor to riper years. She was a sweet, fair bud, which the hand of death has transported to bloom in a sunnier clime. She suffered for more than nine months, and at times most keenly; but as her bodily strength exhausted, her spiritual strength was renewed. Never before has so remarkable a case, of one so young, come under my observation. The day previous to her death, was a precious one for her friends [e.g. family]. When asked if she was expected to get well she replied—"No, nor do I wish to, I shall exchange this body for one that is better—one that will never be sick." When asked by her father if she was afraid to die, she answered with a sweet childlike simplicity, "No, Pa, I am not afraid to die. I shall then see my mother and little brothers, and shall be happy. I shall find more relatives in Heaven than I have here." She had looked forward with pleasing anticipations to the approaching Thanksgiving, but a short time previous to her death she said, "I care nothing about Thanksgiving now. I am going to where I shall have a better Thanksgiving." Thus this little child, supported by a sublime faith, stepped fearlessly into the cold waves of death, which she believed would convey her to a haven of undisturbed repose. She made a very judicious distribution of her little possessions, remembering her absent friends, her Sabbath School Superintendent, and her Physician. She gave directions how she wished to be dressed, in a style beautiful and appropriate, and completed her arrangements with all the calmness and judgment of maturer [sic] years. Thus did she sweetly fall asleep, demonstrating the power and beauty of our blessed faith, even over the young. May that faith sustain our Brother, and the faithful and loving adopted mother of the deceased, and the mourning friends in their bereavement. Her funeral was attended on the 17th, and words of consolation offered by the writer.

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