

OBITUARY.

Death at all times is a very solemn thing, and especially when those near and dear are called from time to eternity. The subject of this brief notice, Mrs. Ada Stuart, the wife of Mr. C. S. Stuart, of Powhatan, was born January 4, 1818, in Scott county, Missouri, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith. She departed this life on the 24th of December, 1871, at fifteen minutes before two o'clock a.m. Mrs. Stuart, in early life, was raised a believer in the Catholic religion, and educated at a Catholic school; but being the wife of a Methodist, and in a Methodist community, she readily gave up all her early notions, and alone looked to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness of her sins. She professed religion in the year 1844, and united with the Methodist Church, South, and ever after lived a devoted Christian. Her attachment to her church and friends was strong. Amiable and confiding, in her family everything seemed to center in her to make that home a paradise on earth. That home is now desolate, although she leaves an accomplished daughter to cheer her aged husband. Still, Ada is not there; she sleeps in the quiet grave.

When she was taken with a chill she believed her departure was near at hand. She stated that she might not retain her mind, and, in the event she did not, she gave directions where and how she wished to be buried. All was ready; and thus calmly closed her eyes upon this world in passing through the valley and shadow of Death, while the glories of the heavenly world broke upon her enraptured vision.

She leaves behind a kind and sorrowing husband, two lovely and amiable daughters, and four sons; but they expect to see her again in a purer clime than this, where Death and Sorrow are eternal strangers.

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