

Stella Adeline Makepeace

(- 11 Apr 1846)

Makepeace. On the 11th inst. Miss Stella Adeline Makepeace. Her funeral will take place from the residence of Henry Stone, Esq. on Capitol Hill this (Mon.) afternoon at half past 4 o'clock.

Diary of John Silva Meehan

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March 21, 1846:

Mrs. Fanny Ball called to see us this afternoon and stated that Miss Makepeace, who is very sick and staying at Mrs. Stone's seems better today than she had been at any time since she first came to their house. Still they consider her situation very critical. Her body is so wasted that she is almost a skeleton; yet today her strength is much improved and her spirit is considerably animated.

March 22, 1846:

We learned this evening from Mrs. Stone that Miss Makepeace is much better, and that the medicine given to her by Dr. Piper, a homeopathic physician has had the happiest effect. It would be one of the most remarkable cures of the age if she is again restored to health.

April 1, 1846:

In the evening, Ma and Anna were over at Mrs. Stone's and learned that Miss Makepeace was so much improved that she walked nearly across her bedchamber and that her symptoms are more favorable. It will be very strange if she recovers so as to go home to New England.

April 11, 1846:

Poor Miss Makepeace, of whose recovery we had entertained strong hopes, died this morning a little while before day. Unfavorable symptoms made their appearance last night and her immediate friends were called in. Dr. Piper was in attendance and remained with her sometime after 2 o'clock. She sunk gently into the arms of death, without a struggle or a pang.

April 13, 1846:

The funeral of Miss Stella Adeline Makepeace occurred this afternoon about half past 4 o'clock. Services agreeable to the form of the New Jerusalem Church were read by the Rev. Mr. Barret of New York and the body was then borne in a hearse attended by 5 or 6 carriages to the Congressional burying ground and there interred.