

[Pattee, William Mitchell]

Rev. Wm. M. Pattee, departed at Felts Mills, Jefferson Co., N. Y., July 20th, 1862, aged 29 years. He was a member of the first class of graduates of our Theological Seminary, and the first of its graduates to enter the world above. After a year's pastorate in Woodstock, Vt., he found that too close application to study had germinated the seeds of consumption, and he returned to his friends, where, only 15 months after his marriage, he went "Home," leaving a widow and an orphan boy. He is said to have been "a manly Christian and a Christian man-an ardent Universalist, yet no bigot; an enthusiast, but no fanatic; he was spiritually minded beyond his years, and had the witness within him to the truth of Christianity, and to the reality of all those things that pertain to the kingdom of God. He had already begun to contribute to our denominational literature, and if his life had been prolonged he would have adorned it. The lamp of faith burned brighter to the last. In spite of the strong ties that bound him to this world, he submissively accepted God's will as his law, and rose to his rest supremely."

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