

[Ackley, David]

ANOTHER LABORER GONE

Rev. David Ackley is no more. After a painful and lingering sickness of many months, which he bore with a Christian resignation, our lamented brother died at his residence in Perry, Wednesday evening, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at precisely nine o'clock, aged 38 years and four months. He was obliged to relinquish his ministerial labors last June, but with the fond hope of soon being able to resume them, which hope was never realized. His disease was the consumption. During the latter part of his sickness his sufferings were extreme, but he murmured not, nor complained. But his sufferings are at an end, and he has gone to try the realities of that state which was the joyful subject of his labors and his faith. To him death presented no terrors. He carefully made all his arrangements for his departure, and left his earthly for an heavenly inheritance, in the triumphs of a well grounded faith. Thus, in the meridian of life he was called away, and has left a wife, a father, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss...

For about ten years he had been a faithful and zealous defender of the faith, and gained many warm friends by his untiring labors of love. In him, the cause of temperance has found a faithful advocate, which added considerable to his labors, and no doubt served to hasten his departure. He labored more in preaching and lecturing than his constitution was capable of enduring.

But he has gone, and his voice will no more be heard on earth, reproving and admonishing us, nor proclaiming the joy and peace of the Gospel of Christ. His funeral was attended on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, when a discourse was delivered by the writer to a large and attentive audience, assisted in the services by brothers [Stephen] Miles, J[ohn] S. Brown, and A. B. Copeland. May the same faith which sustained our departed brother continue to bless and cheer the devoted companion and other relatives of the deceased, and give them their abundant consolation.

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