

[Andrus, Lodema]

DEATHS

In Rutland, March 18th, Miss LODEMA ANDRUS, aged 24 years. Her disease was the consumption, which confined her to the house for many months. A more worthy young lady is seldom to be met with—or one who better deserved, or more fully enjoyed, the friendship and affectionate good will of all who had the pleasure of forming her acquaintance...

For a while during the former part of her sickness, she was much distressed with the idea of being compelled to part with the different members of her beloved family. She frequently remarked, that she had no fear about being *dead*—she dreaded not to encounter whatever might lie concealed beyond the grave—but rending asunder the cords which bind heart to heart, pained her to her inmost soul. And this painful feeling was undoubtedly much strengthened, by witnessing the deep grief which her family manifested, whenever the thought took possession of their minds that she was hastening to the grave, and must soon depart, to be with them again no more on earth.

But as the time of her departure came hastening on,...her affections became weaned from the things of earth, her hope in the glorious gospel of salvation became strengthened, her faith reached forward beyond the things of time, and fastened upon eternal realities... A few hours previous to her death, all bodily pain and anguish entirely ceased; and she gave back her pure spirit into the hands of that God from whom she received it, without a struggle or a murmur...

Her funeral was attended on the 20th, at the Union meeting house in Burrville, and a discourse suited to the occasion delivered by the writer. It is sincerely hoped, that the pointed reproof which he thought proper to administer to certain "*meddlers*," who had taken the unwarrantable liberty of proclaiming through the neighborhood that Miss Andrus renounced her belief in the final restitution [universal salvation] will be duly felt and properly regarded. *The report was utterly false*, in all its length and breadth... Long may her memory be cherished, and her numerous virtues imitated by all who knew her.

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