

[Carpenter, Ira]

## DEATHS

In Dover, Mich., Dec. 28th, IRA, son of David and Judith Carpenter, aged 17 years. The deceased was born in Perrington [Perinton], Monroe co., N.Y., and with his family, resided in this town until recently. A member of this household, a dear sister of the departed, and her respected companion [husband], live in Fairport, in this State, both active in the cause of Universalism in this place. As a token of sympathy, and in the hope that the lesson of faith which the case affords, will be taken home to some tried heart, the writer submits some facts gained as a simple memorial. Our young brother was the fifth member of the family dying of consumption within eight years. His sickness was wearily painful to a marked degree; and yet, for over the two years of that suffering, his were a patience and serenity seldom known in one so young. Well endowed by nature, dutiful in the sphere of home, with enduring hopefulness under the blight of his most cherished plans, and with a strong faith in the just and wise designs of Providence, growing stronger to the last moment of consciousness—we may say that by this event, one of peculiar promise has been withdrawn. It is most deeply gratifying to all hearts, as it affords a lesson which we would urgently commend to the opposers of Universalism, that such triumphant expressions as these fell from his dying lips:—"I shall be better off to go than to remain, and I shall meet you all in happiness." "I have no doubt of this," was his reply to leading questions proposed by his father. Just before his dying moment, one of his sisters kissed him, which he returned and said—"Take my dying kiss and do not weep; God doeth all things well." For more than two hours did he go on in a divine strain, his voice renewed, never faltering, his kindly eye looking a benediction upon the kindred group...Thus has another been added to the untold numbers of human beings arrested at the opening period of energy and usefulness; thus have parent-hearts been smitten for many a time at yielding up to die the objects of their faithful love. The fond heart melts with regret over such an untimely grave, and would be tempted to murmur, did not the great faith of the Gospel come in with its assurance that the holy purposes buried here shall be renewed above.

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