Deaths. In South Livonia, Livingston county, at the house of her father (John C. Coe) on the 4th inst. of dropsy in the chest, Mrs. ALMIRA CHARLOTTE CHASE, of Rochester, in the 31st year of her age.

She had been in a declining state of health for about a year, and on the 18th of March last, she left Rochester with the expectation of returning in a few days. But her disease increased gradually, and notwithstanding the best medical aid and the best nursing, she continued to run down, till the scenes of earth faded from her natural vision. She retained her powers of mind till the last, and was conscious of her approaching dissolution for the last three weeks of her stay. A few hours before her death, Br. Chase asked her if she had any doubts, or fears, or any hesitancy in relation to leaving the world? She readily answered in the negative. She remarked on looking out of the window, that it was "a very pleasant day." Some one responded, "Yes." She then said, "My exit from the world will be as pleasant as this day." And it was. That day was fair and calm, and equally so were her last moments. She was decidedly a Universalist in faith and practice, and to her death had no terrors. Resigned to her Heavenly Father's will, she was prepared to live or die. Pre-eminently blessed with superior mental and moral gualifications, the influence of her life was peace and good will toward the world.

By her death, Br. Chase is deprived of a bosom companion, her family of a dearly loved daughter and sister, and society of one of its brightest ornaments. They feelingly mourn their loss, but are not without hope. Heaven's blessings rest upon them, and soothe their woes.

Her funeral was attended on Sunday the 6th inst., at the Baptist house in the place, by a crowded audience, and a sermon delivered by the writer, assisted in the services by Br. [William] Queal.

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