

[Dygert, Rudolph W.]

DEATHS.

In Frankfort on the 20th ult., of consumption, after a lingering sickness of many months, Mr. RUDOLPH W. DYGERT, aged 29 years. Of a mild disposition, a kind and generous and loving heart, he was well calculated to enjoy life, and impart happiness to all around him in the social circle. He leaves a devoted wife [Elizabeth Vorhees Dygert] and two small children [Emma, the older child], a widowed mother [Elizabeth Devendorf Dygert] and a numerous circle of brothers and sisters¹.to mourn his early exit, cut down as he was, in youthful manhood. They had, only about four months before, followed his venerated father, Hon. John B. Dygert, to his grave. The wound from that loss was not yet healed, when the shaft of death falls again on the same household, and takes away the younger head, calling him to rejoin the elder, who had so recently gone before him. But they mourn not as those without hope. Both the father and the son were firm and consistent believers in the great doctrine of a world's salvation, and in their strong and blessed faith the whole family sympathize, and rejoice in the same glorious hope. The young man, like his father, died as he had lived, strong in the faith, giving glory to God, longing for the moment of his departure to arrive, and saying, though he had always loved and admired Universalism while he lived, yet he found it more glorious and precious still in the hour of death. He selected the text for his funeral sermon (2 Cor. v:10,) remarking that some might say it was an orthodox text, but in the light in which he viewed it, he thought it expressed a great deal of grand truth, both cheering and comforting to his soul. And so it does. His request was complied with, and (Br. Bartlett, the pastor of the Frankfort Society being absent,) the writer administered the consolations of the Gospel to the mourners and a very large circle of sympathizing friends and neighbors, not one of whom but loved the deceased, and blessed his memory. May God abundantly comfort the mourners.

D. S. [Rev. Dolphus A. Skinner]

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¹ Of fourteen siblings, Mary Ann Cornell, Barbarine Dygert, Emeline Sammons, Elizabeth Myers, Margaret Hulzer, John Dygert, Sylvenus F. Dygert, Abram Dygert, Harriet Richardson and Portia Getman survived him.