

[Farmer, Ira]

DEATHS.

In Philadelphia, on the 27th ult., of consumption, Mr. IRA FARMER, son of John Farmer, Esq., of Middleville, Herkimer county, N.Y., aged 39 years and 3 days. Four years since Br. F. buried his first wife [Aristeen], and in less than three years from that time he followed his second wife [Lucy] to her untimely grave, the first leaving two, and the second one child. From that time his own health, before feeble, rapidly declined, and it soon became too evident, that that relentless and unyielding disease, consumption, was doing its fatal work upon his lungs. Medical skill was unable to arrest it; and in the vain hope of arresting it and regulating his health by a southern climate, he started in November last for the sunny South. He went to Charleston, S. C., and after remaining a few weeks and deriving no benefit, his strength continually failing, he turned his thoughts homeward, and seemed only anxious to reach his friends at Middleville and die in their arms. But this melancholy pleasure was denied him. He only reached Philadelphia on the 27th ult. at evening, exhausted with disease and his ride in the cars, and on entering a public house, almost instantly expired; no father or mother, wife or children, brother or sister, or known friend on earth near, to take him by the hand, receive his parting sigh, or close his dying eyes. Yet the humane landlord where he died, finding in his wallet a memorandum requesting that his body might be sent home to his friends for burial, did every thing in his power to facilitate that object, and his remains were accordingly sent to New York, whence his friends received and conveyed them to Middleville, where his funeral took place on the 4th inst., in the Union church, in the presence of his afflicted relatives and a numerous concourse of sympathizing friends; to whom the writer of this tendered the consolations of the Gospel of life and immortality. Br. F. had long been, and continued to the last, a firm, consistent and exemplary Universalist. This cheering doctrine comforted him in life and sustained him in death. He was universally respected and beloved by all who knew him in life, and in death his memory will be gratefully cherished and revered. May his surviving kindred and friends richly share the consolations of the Gospel of peace, which are neither few nor small, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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