

[Osborn, William E.]

(Deaths.) Sept. 25, WM. E. OSBORN, eldest son of Wm. W. and Cecelia Osborn, aged 19 years and 6 months. The youth whose demise we record above, just verging upon manhood, was esteemed and beloved by a large and sympathizing circle of friends. Comprehending the beautiful in the structure of the universe, and studious to gain a more intimate acquaintance with their realities, he was led to choose Architecture as a temporal calling. So happy were his youthful productions—so patent and enduring was he in exertion to excel, as to endear him to the master architect (the late Minard Lafever), under whom he studied. Such, however, has been the all-wise ruling of Divine Providence in this instance, that within a few hours' time the instructor was called to follow his pupil into the spirit world. Thus have they been suddenly summoned, as it were, into the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, whose majestic works had similarly claimed their admiration and professional devotion. The spirits have fled, yet their bodies rest in peace in the same silent home—the express hills of the departed. Our youthful friend won by his mild and thoughtful demeanor the confidence and esteem of all that knew him. And those friends would now cheer his bereaved parents and relatives, bidding them to change grief into gladness and a trustful joy that a beloved and dutiful son has been timely called to spheres where sorrow is not known, and rejoicing never ceases. May their souls receive sweet consolation in this happy and lasting hope.

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