

[Root, Fidelia J.-Florence E.-Napoleon B.]

DEATHS.

In Stockbridge, Madison Co., N.Y., August 25th of the dysentery, Napoleon B. Root, aged 3 years 11 months and 9 days. And Florence E. Root, aged 2 years and 25 days. Also, on the 8th of Sept. of the same disease, Fidelia J. Root, aged 8 years, 2 months and 5 days, all children of Andrus P. and Caroline Kimball Root. In the decease of these little children Br. Root and his amiable partner have been sorely afflicted; three out of five¹ in their little family circle having thus been untimely removed. The two children first mentioned were laid out in one coffin, and were interred in one grave. The last one mentioned, manifested an unusual degree of sensibility in regard to her approaching dissolution. A few hours before her death she called around her bedside all the inmates of the house, together with all the sympathizing neighbors and friends who were present, and embraced each one separately and bade them all an affectionate farewell, bestowing at the same time a parting kiss upon each individual present. Seeing her father and mother manifesting considerable emotion of mind at the prospect of her near departure, she endeavored to console them in such artless and affectionate terms as drew tears into the eyes of all gathered round her bedside. She was perfectly resigned to her fate and conversed upon the subject of death with a composure and clearness of mind and felicity of expression that was truly remarkable in one so young. She desired that her body after her decease should be decked with flowers and that her affectionate farewell should be given to all absent friends. It was truly an extraordinary and affecting scene and no one could witness it without being improved and strengthened in their moral and religious feelings and aspiration. May God bless, sustain and strengthen the mourners.

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¹ Surviving were sons Charlemagne T. Root and James W. Root.