

[Russel, Betsey Hammond]

DEATHS.

In Cambria, March 8th, Mrs. BETSEY RUSSEL, the last surviving daughter of Eliakim and Louisa Hammond, and sister of Rev. C. [Charles] Hammond [Universalist], in the 23d year of her age. Consumption marked her for its victim, and during the long period of her sickness, not a doubt—not a fear came over her mind as to the goodness of her Father in heaven, and the happiness of a blessed world of eternal glory. Cut down in the morning of life, and knowing that the end of human suffering was near to her, she expressed not a wish to stay, only for her two small children's sake; all the world beside, parents, companion, and kind friends, she was willing to leave for a season, to join the society of the perfect in heaven. I know not that she had an enemy, for an enemy she was to no one. The funeral services were performed by Br. L. [Liscomb] Knapp [Universalist], in the Presbyterian Church; and an unusually large congregation assembled to listen to the words of truth, and sympathize with the afflicted. Though the house was once refused, yet such were the thunderings of popular condemnation for a violation of plighted faith, that, after such a conflict as we wish never to behold again among the members of the church, the doors were thrown open to the congregation. And though this consent was not obtained till the funeral procession had begun to form, yet they have our thanks and prayers for the light and glory of the Gospel to shine into their hearts.

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