

[Russell, Sally]

DEATHS.

In Carroll, Chautauque [Chautauqua] county, N.Y., on the 17th ult. [May 17], after a long and painful sickness, SALLY, daughter of Mr. Charles Russell, in the 19th year of her age. Thus has the cold frost of death withered another intellectual blossom, just as it began to fully expand and develop those latent beauties which were calculated to adorn and bless humanity. She was a youth of buoyant and cheerful temperament, of pleasing and fascinating demeanor, and unblemished character—one who would make friends, and secure their attachment. Through most of her sickness, until a short period before her death, she manifested a strong desire to recover; life had its thousand charms and afforded many promises to her youthful imagination. Still she had not been thoughtless on the subject of religion; and for something more than a year past, she had been a very diligent reader of the Scriptures, and had made many interesting inquiries in regard to their great doctrines; and shortly before her death, her mind became tranquil, satisfied, resigned and happy.

There were, at the time of her decease, some twenty persons present besides her parents. She saw her end fast approaching—she called her parents, brother and sister, and all present, separately to her, took each by the hand, conversed with them, and bid them farewell. She then expressed her full resignation, her firm belief in the universal goodness of God, and her faith in the final salvation of the whole human family; this, she said, she believed the Scriptures taught, as far as she understood them; and this, her faith, she wished should be made known.

She then requested a young man, an intimate acquaintance, indeed a companion of her youthful diversions, but now a theological student, to pray with her. He complied. She then requested them to sing a hymn, which was done—then, by her request they sung [sic] another, and then another, and during the singing of the third, without a struggle or a groan, she sweetly entered upon the enjoyment of her spiritual existence.

Her funeral was attended on the 19th, and a discourse delivered to a numerous concourse of deeply sympathising friends, by the writer.

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