[Smith, Jedediah]

DEATHS.

Very suddenly, in the village of Perry, Saturday morning, 18th ult., Jedediah Smith, aged 67 years. He retired to rest on Friday evening in good health, and no way indisposed. During the hours of repose, his consort was aroused from her slumbers by his struggles—he was in the arms of death. In a moment he breathed his last, and his spirit took its flight to another world.

Mr. Smith was for a long time resident in Otsego county, where he lived in domestic felicity, enjoying the confidence of his neighbors and the friendship of his acquaintances. Last Spring he removed from Otsego to Perry, for the purpose of spending the remainder of his days in the society of his children, who had mostly settled in that region of country. But alas! he was soon cut down by the fell destroyer, and his removal proved but a preparation for a departure from earth.

Since the days of Winchester and Murray he had been a believer in a world's salvation through a crucified Redeemer, and died as he had lived, devoted to his Master's cause. In his death a wife is left to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband—a number of children, a kind and attentive parent—society, a valuable member—and community, a good and peaceable citizen. Peace be to his ashes. May the Lord remember the bereaved in their affliction and reconcile them to this dispensation of his providence, "that they may not sorrow as those who have no hope."

The consolations of the Gospel were tendered to the mourners and a large concourse of neighbors and friends, who assembled to sympathize with them in their troubles, on Sunday the 19th, by

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