

[Smith, Lucian M.]

Death of Lucian M. Smith

Saturday, Dec. 13, 1851.

Died last night, the eldest son of Father Stephen R. Smith<sup>1</sup>. Some six or seven weeks ago, one of the blood vessels in his lungs burst, since when he has been confined to his room, in a state of daily declining weakness, till last night about midnight, he rejoined his father.

Death has been fearfully busy with Father Smith's family for the last six or seven years, Lucian M. Smith, the subject of this notice, being the tenth member of the group, who within that interval have been summoned by him to the occupations of another world. We little thought, when less than two years ago we watched him supporting the head of his dying father, that he would so soon be called to follow him.

Honest, upright, and inheriting a large share of his father's independence of character, like him too he seemed for some time before his decease, to have looked too steadfastly into the future to see anything repulsive in the aspect of the messenger sent to conduct him thither. "Going home," he murmured partly in soliloquy, partly in address to his wife by his bedside, "we know there is no night there." "A good son," as the epitaph reads on his brother's tombstone, he had, little more than a year ago, settled his mother [Lucy Stillman Smith] and sisters in their own house, and uniting himself to an affectionate wife seemed to bid fair for a life of usefulness and domestic comfort. But it is God who has called him, and this we are sure the survivors know and feel. He was twenty-nine years of age. The funeral takes place to-morrow, from his own house.

Yours affectionately,  
A. G. LAURIE

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. S. R. Smith was a pioneer Universalist minister in Western NY and this was a prominent Universalist family.