

[Smith, Lydia Pierce]

MRS. LYDIA SMITH

DIED, In Yorkshire, N.Y., November 27, 1865, of consumption, Lydia, wife of Franklin Smith, and daughter of Ezekiel and Phebe Pierce, in the 24th year of her age. This is the third daughter of these parents who has died from the same disease, and at about the same age. The faith of God's impartial grace, and the great love of the Infinite Father toward His children, was the light which conducted them through death's portals.

If it should be thought that Universalism is not good to die by, that thought would at once be dispelled witnessing the calm faith, bright hope, and anxious desire to go, of all three of these sisters.

With several young ladies, Lydia, almost two years ago, united with our Church, and with two others, one an only sister, received baptism before the altar at the writer's hands. It was my privilege as her pastor to be much with her in her last sickness...

In her departure, the Church has lost an honored member, society a bright ornament, a husband a faithful wife, parents an affectionate daughter, and brothers and an only sister a loving and much loved sister. May the Good Father above comfort the mourning hearts with his grace...

E. H.

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