

[Streeter, Reuben N.]

DEATHS.

In Pitcher, Chenango county, September 3d, REUBEN N. STREETER, aged 14 years. The *fatal accident* which caused the death of this young man, should be a caution to others. He went out gunning, and while walking on a log, some little distance from the ground, he rested the breech of his gun on a stick lying across the log, which broke and caused him to fall on the muzzle, when the gun discharged its load in his left side.—He ran about 18 rods, and fell from loss of blood. A young man hearing his scream, went to his assistance, and with difficulty got him to the house. Conscious that he must soon expire, he advised them not to go for a physician, for he should [would] die before he could arrive.—Seeing his mother overcome with distraction at the sight of her child covered with blood, he, although in extreme pain, endeavored to comfort her. He asked if his father had yet arrived, and on being answered in the negative, said, "I shall not see him again in this world, for it begins to grow dark—I must bid you farewell!"—and immediately expired. The funeral was attended on the 6th, in the Baptist meeting house; and as some feared that his death was so sudden, and that he might not have been prepared, by the supposed mysterious change, to enter immortal felicity, I felt called upon to address the audience from the words of Paul, 1 Cor. iv:5—"Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God."

May the mournful friends realize that God can bring good out of the most dark and afflicting dispensations of his own providence; and thus be enabled to say, "Father, thy will be done."

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