

[Temple, Luman H.]

DEATHS.

In Stockbridge, June 18, LUMAN H. TEMPLE, third son of William and Maria Temple, in the 14th year of his age. It seldom falls to our lot to record a more sudden and melancholy death. The lad was at work tending the picker of a woolen mill, when his hand was caught and drawn into the machine, tearing off the arm to the elbow—the body and head followed, and were crushed in a terrific manner. The mill was thus clogged and stopped before the cause was known.—When extricated he was senseless [unconscious], but survived from 11 o'clock, A.M. until 6 P.M., when death ended the scene. Thus the parents' hopes have been disappointed, and brothers and sisters have been made to see the uncertainty of life. May this event teach us so to number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom. While the parents have been called to mourn, they are not as those who have no hope. We pray that they, with all that mourn, may find consolation in the Gospel of the Prince of Peace. The funeral was attended on the 20th, when the writer tendered to a numerous and sympathizing congregation, the consolations of the Gospel. The Rev. Mr. Copeland being present, the father and the writer invited him to take part in the services. But he declined, saying he had never thought it his duty to take part in services with a Universalist. On a certain occasion one of old said—"Stand by thyself, come not near me; for I am holier than thou."

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