

[Thompson, Mary Frances]

IN MEMORIAM.

Mary Frances Thompson, aged twenty-five years, of Webster, Monroe Co., N.Y., left her home a few weeks since, accompanied by an only sister and a brother, to visit a brother in the Oil regions, near Titusville, Pa. Soon after her arrival there, she was attacked by a fatal disease of the brain; not so immediately severe, however, that she was deprived of attending divine service on the Sabbath, as she was wont to do... Indeed, she was one of earth's fairest, loveliest daughters; and while the writer of this feels more the need of comfort than of doing anything like justice to her memory, he rejoices in the blessed hope that she has but joined the heavenly society of those of our friends on high...

"Frank," as we used to call her, was beloved and respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance; for, however others might be agitated by surrounding circumstances, she was undisturbed. "Pa," she would say, "I can do it..."

Mary Frances delighted to welcome her acquaintances to her father's home, and to accompany them to her garden of flowers, which she loved to cultivate. She was her father's idol, her mother's joy, her brothers' and an only sister's pride and delight... Soon after her return from the brief visit to which we have referred, she was called away! The physicians and counsel that were summoned could give no hope of recovery. The disease was settled on the brain, and could not be removed. She desired her mother to hold her, but she was unable; a brother put his arms around her to support her, and soon she passed away. The spirit left the earthly form for the heavenly, Oct. 20, 1866. Our worthy Brother [Asa] Saxe, of Rochester [a Universalist], I am informed, gave one of his best consolatory sermons, Oct. 22, to the relatives and a large audience of sympathizing friends, in the Methodist church at Webster.

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