

[Beach, Rachel R.]

DEATHS.

In Iosco, Jan. 23d, of a disease of the lungs, Miss RACHEL R., daughter of Mr. Lyman E. Beach, and granddaughter of Elisha Fuller, of Hamilton, Madison co., N.Y., in the 18th year of her age. In the death of Miss B., her parents have sustained one of the greatest losses incident to parents. She was beautiful in every sense of the word—mild and gentle in her manners, kind in her disposition—dutiful to her parents—affectionate and loving toward her brothers and sisters, and endeared to all her associates, by her amiable deportment and cheerfulness of habits; her exit from time at so early an hour, is deeply lamented by all who knew her. Surely “no one knew her but to bless, or named her but to praise.”

Being of an acute intellect, and quick discernment, her mind was well cultivated, and her thoughts were turned to the subject of religion. She embraced the faith of the universal benevolence of God, in which she lived happy and died rejoicing.

When it was announced to her that her recovery was hopeless, she replied, “Well, I am willing to die, and even long to depart and be free from this state of suffering, for I know that we shall soon all meet again in heaven.” And when she saw that she was dying, she called her parents, and brothers and sisters to her bed, and gave them directions about laying her out, and endeavored to comfort them in their bereavement—gave them her hand—bid them all an affectionate farewell, and requested them to send her last farewell and best wishes to her sister, and her sister’s husband in Alphadelphia, then laid herself down in calm composure, and with a smile on her countenance, (which was still visible when the coffin lid was closed over her for the last time,) without a struggle or a groan, she fell asleep in death, to awake in life immortal, and enjoy a state of fadeless youth and ceaseless bliss, and with a ransomed world to chant the deathless pæans of redeeming grace and [un]dying love. On the 25th, her funeral obsequies were celebrated and an oration pronounced to a large assembly of deeply sympathetic friends and neighbors by

J.H.S. [Sanford]

Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate, Utica NY, Fri. 14 Jan 1845
[a Universalist newspaper]