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Whilst the writer of this brief notice is not an admirer of those long obituaries which so often appear in the journals of the present day, and which, it is to be feared, too often ascribe to the departed, virtues for which they were not very remarkable while living, yet he thinks there are numerous occasions which demand from the living, tributes to the memory of the really virtuous dead; and it is to be hoped that all who knew *Richard T. Anderson*, the eldest son of Capt. James Anderson, of Buckingham county, Virginia, who died on the 18th day of April last, in the 29th year of his age, will bear testimony to his great moral worth, his uniform christian deportment, and his gentlemanly bearing in society. When such a young man as *Richard T. Anderson* is removed from the circle in which he has been accustomed to move, fond relations and friends are not alone called upon to deplore his loss, but the community in which he lived, and society generally feel that such a dispensation of an all-wise Providence produces a vacuum which is not easily filled.

In early life Mr. Anderson made a profession of religion and whilst he did not attach himself to any particular branch of Christ's church, yet such was his humility, and such his christian walk and conversation, that none who knew him ever doubted the sincerity of his profession. "On earth, peace, good will toward men," seemed to be his motto during his brief career, and if he has left behind him a single individual who harbors the slightest enmity towards him, it is unknown to him who pens this imperfect tribute to his memory, although he enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with him from early childhood until the day of his death. Whilst his loss is generally deplored by all who knew him, none feel it so sensibly as his devoted father, whose declining years he cherished and honored by all that devotion to his interests and his comforts that should ever characterize such a son in his intercourse with such a father. May he take consolation in the reflection that his christian example and his parental admonitions were not vainly bestowed upon his noble-hearted boy, and in the peaceful assurance of being re-united to him in the abode of the blessed, "when life's dull vanities are o'er."

M.

Buckingham, May 25, 1849.

Departed this life, on the 10th inst., at his father's residence, in the county of Buckingham, Mr. William R. Anderson, in the 22d year of his age.

Brother Anderson was an interesting and lovely young man. The amiability of his disposition, the urbanity of his manners, and his ardent love for his relatives and friends won the admiration and esteem of all who knew him. To his numerous natural virtues was added an enlightened, uncompromising and consistent piety. About two years ago he entered upon the ways of wisdom, and soon afterwards became a member of the M. E.

Church, in which he remained until his dissolution. As he had lived piously he died safely; and he bore his protracted and severe illness with great patience and resignation.

A few days before he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, he spoke frequently of the nearness of the termination of all his troubles, and of the rest that remained for him beyond the grave, and he earnestly entreated his dear relatives to "be faithful until death," that they might be saved.

He gave the most indubitable evidence of his acceptance with God, and therefore his bereaved parents and other relatives do not weep as those without hope. He has gone to rejoin his sainted brother Richard, who died a few months since. And may the bereaved and overwhelmed parents be sustained by grace here, and finally meet their sons in glory.

M. A. D.

Paradise, Buckingham, Sept. 18, 1849.