

## In Memoriam.

DIED,—in Appleton, Feb. 29th, 1872, JAMES KIRTLAND SPENCER,  
Aged 27 years and 9 months.

The deceased was the only remaining son of Mr. Elihu Spencer, an early settler of the city of Appleton, his oldest son, William, having died in the army in September, 1862; the deceased always made his home with his father's family, and assisted in improving and cultivating their homestead, and seemed to be the main support and hope of his parents: His health commenced failing something over one year ago; but he kept about his work as usual, supposing that nothing serious was the matter, his parents persuaded him to consult their family physician; he seemed to think that nothing very serious ailed him and gave him some medicine to strengthen his stomach and digestive organs; he took it according to directions, but it seemed to hurt him; he then gave him another kind of medicine but with no better success; he was then advised by his friends to try such simple remedies as are known in almost every family for indigestion or weak stomach, hoping that by regularity in his habits and diet, he might yet regain his health, but his strength kept steadily failing. About the first part of July he was compelled to quit work entirely; but was able to ride in his buggy or go out with his gun and shoot squirrels until cold weather commenced since which time he was unable to leave the house. His friends were alarmed as nothing he had tried seemed to help him; they then sent to a neighboring village for his former physician, he examined him critically and decided that the seat of his disease was not in his stomach or digestive organs but decided that it was in his spine or nervous system; he had but little pain and no cough. His lungs were sound. The doctor said if he should name his disease he would call it the nervous or spinal consumption. Said his case was a very dangerous one, that medicine would be of very little use; the only hope he had of helping him was in the Electric Battery another Physician of the Homeopathy school was called in as council, he confirmed what his colleague had decided and agreed with him as to the remedy, but all to no effect; he still kept failing; two other Physicians of the Alapath school were then called in to examine him; they said his disease was a malignant one and beyond the power of medicine to help him; he was just living on his own flesh and vitality. An experienced Electrician was called in to apply the Battery it seemed for a while to revive him. His friends were encouraged but he soon commenced sinking again, his vitality seemed exhausted, he died almost without a struggle. He was very patient and uncomplaining. Said he was prepared to meet his fate, though he was anxious to recover, death seemed to have no terrors for him; he had his senses to the last. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a consistent christian.

His honest integrity, purity of life, kind and generous disposition had endeared him to all who knew him. He was formerly a student in Lawrence University and a member of the Phoenix Society. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends who sincerely mourned his loss. The services were conducted by President Steele of the University, who made some very appropriate remarks from the text: "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." The music was furnished by his associates of the Phoenix Society, who also acted as pall bearers. His parents and sisters have the sympathy of all who know of their bereavement.