

extent of his ability. With his near relatives and all friends we honestly and affectionately sympathize.

The demise of brother Lowell, of South Butler, N. Y., has been announced to us. No particulars are yet within our reach. Scarcely can we realize that one so physically strong and mentally robust has been removed from the circle of the living. The late Lowell was a dear lover of the truth, with failings. He cared not for any body, not himself, when the truth of heaven was at stake. This, with us, covers a thousand frailties; and such spirits will yet shine as God's luminaries when others who snarled at them may be encompassed with a cloud of darkness as the enemies of God in Egypt. Sister Lowell has our kindest remembrance.

D. O.

Our beloved sister Malvina Odell fell asleep in Jesus last December. She chose a speaker for her funeral, selected a passage of scripture, and particularly wished that poor sinners should be addressed. A very appropriate spiritual song was sung at her funeral, with the spirit and with the understanding. Turn reader, to song 301, and you will understand the feelings of a large congregation who sung at the time.

Our dear sister Brown who had been long waiting for the appearing of her Saviour, whom she had long served, breathed her last during the same month. Her end was peace. And on the 16th of April last, our aged and beloved sister Mallary closed her earthly career, rejoicing in the Lord. She said close to her last hours there was not a doubt in her mind.

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### SOMETHING TO BE CONSIDERED.

A friend in the East lately writing to us, speaks of a letter that he has seen from Canada West, which Canada West says: "Many brethren would write for the Banner but for your habit of altering, mutilating, and suppressing what does not please you . . . that you will give both sides of such articles as you can master, but when you cannot reply you will then suppress like other periodicals." Such is a part of the stock in trade sent by some one in Canada to some other one in the East Provinces. To the statement that we change and suppress parts of communications published in this monthly, we plead guilty. In this we are justified by the most approved European standards. And if it be true that 'many' do not send in the fruits of their pen by reason of this our course, it tells a sad tale respecting 'many' idle men amongst us: for the largest and greatest articles are almost always accompanied by a line giving us the fullest liberty to alter or amend as seems to us meet. Concerning mutilating, we are not in the habit of it. And as it respects suppressing articles which we cannot master, we respond that it is simply untrue. We say perpendicularly, *it is not the truth*. Any two witnesses of acknowledged honor and judgment may have the opportunity of examining our published and unpublished epistles and articles; and if they do not testify that we invariably give our readers the strongest and most masterly articles sent to us, we will not only agree to kiss the Pope's smallest toe but put our lips to the worst part of his heel.

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