

Charlie Turner Marlow

(2 Feb 1857 – 20 Feb 1865)

Marlow. On the evening of the 18th instant, after a painful illness of three weeks, Charlie Turner, oldest and beloved son of Eliza A. and Walter H. Marlow, aged 8 years and 18 days. Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Then fare thee well, my darling boy
Thy smile no longer sheets our gaze
Our hearts no more shall thrill with joy
To hear thy well-deserved praise.

Although that little form was dear,
We must submit--'tis Heaven's will--
Savior forgive each flowering tear
Bid each repining thought be still

And grant that we at last may find,
With him a home in that abode
Where we shall be forever joined
In singing praises to our God.

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Obituary--Charlie Turner Marlow

This lovely bud, taken from earth to be transplanted in realms of endless bliss, uncontaminated by sin's blighting influence, proves that he was only loaned of God. He was the idol of fond and doting parents, whose hearts with those of many friends have become stricken by this sad bereavement. He suffered three weeks of severe illness, which he bore with Christian patience and submission unknown to childhood. He exhibited not only remarkable intelligence of mind, but unmistakable signs of piety from infancy, not daring to disobey his parents under any circumstances, observing implicitly obedience toward all those who were connected with him. His affectionate disposition and noble traits of character won for him not only the praise and admiration of all, but entwined the hearts of those who knew him so closely around him that he can never be forgotten. He was an affectionate, kind brother, watching over his younger brothers and sister with a mother's love and care. His parents are enabled only to kiss the afflicting rod by the promises of God's grace, though called at so early an age as eight years to meet his reward, they have the blessed assurance that he died a Christian, and that he has gone to dwell with him who has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." (*) E.M.