OBITUARY.

DIED, at his residence, near Prospect Hill, in Fairfax County, on Thursday morning the 21st ultimo, Col. SPENCER MOTTROM BALL, aged 59 years. The decease of one so generally known and beloved, calls for more than a passing notice. A native of Westmoreland county, in this State, at a very early age he removed with his honored parents to the county of Fairfax, and continued one of its most estimable citizens up to the time of his death. The elements of his character were so striking and genial, that he could not pass through life without attracting all capable of appreciating genuine nobility of soul. Warm and generous in all his impulses, a warm friend in prosperity, a sympathising friend in adversity, the tones of his voice, the glance of his eye, the grasp of his hand, were true exponents of the inner man; and the numerous friends that clustered around him, were mental tributes to his worth. His name and character will not be soon forgotten through the extensive circle of his acquaintance; many a tear will be dropped to his memory when it is known that he sleeps in the grave. Since the sad bereavement he sustained in the death of his cherished wife, he seemed to droop and languish for lack of that which had been so long the joy and refreshment of his very existence. Adversities in quick succession, and tedious illness, clouded his latter days; but it is consoling to know that "The Friend" that sticketh closer than a brother drew near to him amid nature's painful decay, and offered him an arm to lean upon in his descent to the dark valley. May Heaven's blessing rest upon his orphaned sons and daughters. AMICUS.

MR. TOWNSEND ELGIN departed this life on the 23d of April, 1859, in the 27th year of his age, at the residence of his brother, Mr. Hampton Elgin, Fairfax County, Virginia. Mr. E. was for a number of years a great sufferer, but he bore his afflictions with much patience and fortitude. He was a pious young man. He lived an exemplary life, and died a peaceful and happy death. "And I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." May this dispensation be sanctified to the present and future good of his family and friends.