

It appears that, at the time of the fatal explosion, the deceased was standing manfully at his post at the pilot house, conveying orders, when he was blown by the force of the steam into the river; where he was afterwards picked up and conveyed on-board the Conestoga. As the suffering hero lay on deck, mid the shrieks and groans of the dying and wounded, upon being asked whether he wished any attendants, replied in an emphatic tone, "No, there are others who are more in need of them."

During his short illness he evinced the greatest sympathy for those who were suffering around him, and would frequently deprive himself of necessities for the comfort and consolation of others. He was patient and cheerful, yet anxious for the successful result of the battle. While the rebels were firing from the hillside down upon the unfortunate men, some of whom were killed, others crippled; our gallant men captured the fortifications, and with a deafening shout of triumph and victory, raised the "Stars and Stripes" over the rebel batteries. The noble and patriotic youth, though dying, raised his drooping head upon hearing the noise, and asked, "what is that?" And being told of the victory; and that our flag was now proudly waving over the ramparts of the enemy, he exclaimed with a glow of fire in his eye and double energy in his voice, "Now, I die happy; the glorious stars and stripes have triumphed."

What a noble expression in one so young! what Patriotism! what contentment! It attests the calmness of his mind, the Christian heroism, with which he could reflect his conscience in upon itself and discover step by step the dark and narrow passage which connects this world with the world to come. "Now I die happy." Although my relations with this world are now drawing to a close; although my feeble body is now returning to the dust from whence it came, still I feel that I have done my duty to my fellow men and my country, to whose service I have consecrated my days. "Now I die happy;"—since I have given all that I have, and all that I am to extricate my beloved country from the perils and dangers into which she has been so unjustly thrown.