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DIED.

On the 5th instant, at Romantic Hill, Howard county, Md., EUGENE MERRILL HOBBS, eldest son of Thomas B. and Catherine Ann Hobbs, aged 11 years and 28 days.

Although the interesting youth whose death is recorded in the above lines has been called from his earthly home at such an early age, yet he had exhibited developments of mind and character which gave hope and promise of much future usefulness, and which never failed to attract the attention of those of more mature age with whom he came in contact. His mind had far outgrown his years, and rarely have we seen in a youth of such tender age so much manliness and dignity of deportment, such quick perception of right and wrong, such a lively sense of responsibility, which prompted him to the earnest discharge of every duty which devolved upon him. His punctuality in the fulfilment of every engagement, his respect and obedience to his superiors, his diligence, prudence and provident care always commended him to the especial notice of his instructors, rendered him a favorite with his associates, and made him the idol of his fond, and now sorely afflicted parents. It is right they should weep for him, but the tears that they shed over his grave are such as leave behind them the sweet consolation of a hope which points to another and a brighter world, a hope which we know warmed and comforted the last hours of the life of their darling boy.

Departed this life, on 9th inst., at Fort Delaware, SELBY McKENZIE HAMTRAMCK, in the 24th year of his age.

Another bright and promising son of Virginia has thus fallen a victim to the bloody civil war now being waged on her soil. The subject of his notice was the son of the late Col. Hamtramck, of Shepherdstown, Virginia, and when Virginia called upon her sons to fight, early enlisted as a private soldier in the "Hamtramck Guards," formerly commanded by his gallant father. He inherited his father's military taste and martial spirit, and longed to imitate Col. Hamtramck, of Shepherdstown, Virginia, and when Virginia called upon her sons to fight, early enlisted as a private soldier in the "Hamtramck Guards," formerly commanded by his gallant father. He inherited his father's military taste and martial spirit, and longed to imitate him, to display it upon the field of battle. His wishes were gratified by being able to participate in the bloody battle of Mecanes where he displayed great coolness and bravery. He was also engaged in many severe skirmishes, in all of which his conduct was cheerfully free and soldierlike. For no other crime than a generous and noble heart, he was taken prisoner in the memorable battle of Kearnstown, near Winchester, being attached to the "Stonewall Brigade," which fought with such bravery there as elsewhere. Upon his removal to Fort Delaware, the confinement and poison air developed a disease of the lungs, contracted doubtless on his long march, and weary watches consequent upon such duties, which