

[Brown, Nelson]

Died on the 12th of February last, Rev. Nelson Brown, at the residence of his brother, George Brown, Henrietta, Monroe Co., N. Y.

An illness, difficult to define, of about three years' continuance previous to his death, weakened and destroyed his powers, both mental and physical, and a lively consciousness of his failing energies rendered him constantly uneasy, depressed and unhappy, increasing manifold the evil he so despairingly deplored.

Sad were the failings of his sinking powers to those who had known him in the full vigor of his early manhood, when his abilities in the pulpit were recognized throughout the denomination, and his unclouded intellect manifested itself in his many and varied contributions, both of poetry and prose, to the press.

For several years he enjoyed the usual happiness of domestic life. But a great misfortune, the sudden death of his beloved wife, shocked and unsettled his mind, and from the effects he never fully recovered.

Under a variety of difficulties and troubles, his once powerful mind went down [obliterated]. His last moments were blessed with a clear intellect [obliterated], words which his own life had been spent in the effort to vindicate and sustain.

He leaves two daughters, one nineteen and the other sixteen years of age, both residing with their maternal grandfather and relations in this place.

J. Q. R. [John Quincy Robinson]

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