

[Prime, Horatio Phelps]

(Deaths.) In Troy, on Sunday morning, September 1st, 1839, HORATIO PHELPS PRIME, of the firm of Fitch and Prime, aged 33 years, 7 months and 2 days.

On Monday morning, August 26th, he was attacked with a bowel complaint, so violently, that the best of care and medical attendance proved unavailing. He became sensible of his danger as early as Tuesday, the 27th, and expressed then, and subsequently, an entire resignation to the will of Providence; but desired that all might be done for his recovery which was possible, on account of his family, his children being yet young. He continued clear in the exercise of his reason, till the evening before his death.

Mr. Prime was a firm and consistent believer in the doctrine of universal grace, and a member and ornament of the Universalist Society in Troy.... As a Trustee of the Troy Orphan Asylum, Vice President of the Troy City Temperance Society, and Superintendent of the Troy Universalist Sabbath School, he had commenced a career of active usefulness which gave high promise to the community, and which a wise Providence has seen fit to terminate. Aside from his public capacities, as a husband, a father, a neighbor and a citizen, "None knew him but to love him; or named him but to praise." But the brightest feature in his character, was an amiable simplicity—a noiseless unassumingness which sweetened his deportment, and heightened all his virtues... It was often remarked, by those who knew him best, while living, that his value was not fully appreciated. His friends have now discovered their error. He enjoyed a silent esteem, which was more congenial with his taste and habits than loud encomium... Never has the writer known the death of a man so unpretending [to] occasion so deep and general sympathy.

When the Sabbath School assembled for their usual exercises, a few hours after his death, the announcement of the event was almost overwhelming. Both scholars and teachers seemed to feel as if they had lost a father. The Sunday previous he was with them.

His funeral was attended on Tuesday, the 3d ult., at 10 o'clock A.M., from the Universalist Church, which was entirely filled, the Masonic institution, fire companies, Universalist Sabbath School, and the larger children from the Orphan Asylum, with a large circle of friends and acquaintances being in attendance. A discourse was delivered by the writer from Isa. xxxviii:1. The Masonic service was performed at the grave, Rev. W. F. Walker, Rector of Christ church reading the Masonic prayer.

He has left an affectionate wife and two children to feel their loss. But we trust the consolations of religion will sustain them; and they have the sympathies of his partner in business, Mr. Fitch and his family, with whom he had lived in the greatest harmony and mutual esteem for the past twelve years. May they all find comfort in the faith he cherished, and which sustained him to the end.

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