

[Skinner, Barton]

At Keene, N.H. February 11, 1865, of disease of the heart, the Hon. BARTON SKINNER, aged 63 years. He lingered some two months after the first attack, being aware that he was liable at any moment to be summoned hence, for which he expressed himself, like a true philosopher, ready.

He talked freely of his departure, as he would of a journey of pleasure, without a murmur. He was kind and affectionate in all the relations of life, and discharged his duties as a citizen, husband and parent with becoming fidelity, and lived and died as a christian, whose faith and practice gave him a foretaste of the happiness of heaven, which he expected ere long to enjoy. He was one of that noble band of eight brothers and one sister who had a re-union at Union Square, Oswego County in September, 1860, an account of which was published in the AMBASSADOR at that time. Their ages now range from 58 to 74. This is the first link broken in that chain. Two of his brothers, WARREN and DOLPHUS Skinner, have been active ministers in preaching the doctrine of God's universal grace, and the final salvation of all men to holiness and happiness. He was a rare specimen of noble, generous manhood, scorning everything that tends to debase our natures, affable and courteous to all those around him. His conversational powers were good and his words showed a high moral tone. He had filled several important public stations, having represented his native town, (Westmoreland), three years in the Legislature of N.H., and held the office of Register in Deeds in Cheshire County six years, which trusts were discharged with strict fidelity. He took an active part in all the reforms of the day, and earnestly desired to live to see an end of our conflict of arms; that peace and prosperity might smile on all our domain, and that the cause which inaugurated the late terrible strife in our land should [would] be uprooted forever.

H. W.

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