

[Hayward, Isaac]

DEATH OF BR. HAYWARD

Br. GROSH:--I am at a loss for words to communicate to you the sad intelligence of the sudden death of Rev. ISAAC HAYWARD, who departed this life, January 15th, after a confinement of 19 days, aged 40 years. He had been afflicted with Chronic Neuralgia, for some length of time, and at the time of his confinement, was attacked with an inflammatory fever, which terminated fatally, in consequence of congestion in the head.

Thus has fallen, in the meridian of life—in the midst of his usefulness, an able advocate, as well as a firm believer in the doctrine of impartial grace. Enjoying a high reputation in the medical profession, in which, for many years, he had been a successful practitioner, and possessing talents in an eminent degree, which were employed in the ministry of the reconciliation, and by the pure principles of moral rectitude, which induced his kindness and good will to all, he enjoyed the respect, and gained the esteem of his fellows, and died deeply lamented by those who knew him.

In this dispensation of Providence, the societies to which he ministered in word and deed, have lost an amiable and devoted minister of the better covenant; the denomination a firm pillar and bright ornament, and the world a friend and benefactor. His faith in a world's salvation remained unshaken to the last, and when asked by a friend, "if he had any doubts?" he replied "not one." Being conscious how his disease might terminate, a few days before his death he arranged his affairs, and called up his family to receive his parting advice.

Three days before his exit, his disease settle in his head, and his senses forsook him. His remains were followed on the 18th, by a numerous concourse of sympathizing friends, to the union house at Burlington Flats, where a discourse was delivered, founded on the xl chapter of Isa., 6th verse, by the writer; assisted by Elders Cutler and Crandal, who so far deviated from the common practice of the Baptist church, as to speak with respect over the ashes of a Universalist.

We invoke the blessings of that Father who has caused us to mourn, to rest upon the friends and the societies to which he ministered, and especially on the widow and orphans of the deceased. May they find in his promises balm for every wound, joy for every sorrow, and life eternal as an endless gift.

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