

[Barns, Thomas]

DEATHS.

In Newark, N.Y., Nov. 17th, suddenly, of heart disease, Hon. THOMAS BARNES, aged sixty-three years. He was a grandson of Rev. Thomas Barns, one of the venerated fathers of the Universalist ministry in New England, and was himself a most substantial member of the Universalist congregation in Newark, and a regular attendant of public worship. He was highly esteemed in this community, and had filled several positions of trust and honor. He represented his district in the legislature in 1853. He was entirely a self-made man, having enjoyed scarcely any advantages of early education, even in the common school. A friend of his, an officer in the army, writes: "In some respects he was the most remarkable man in our town—a man of unbending integrity, of sound judgment, and of minute and extensive information." And another friend, in an obituary communication to the *Newark Courier*, says: "He was a close observer of men and things, and a careful reader. His genial conversational powers made his company pleasing and instructing. His hand was ever ready to assist the poor and needy, while his sympathies and influences were on the side of education and the moral reforms of the day." He was a successful cultivator of the fine fruits which so abound in Wayne Co., a lover of nature, and during the last summer made a journey through the great northern wilderness of the Empire State, coming out on the eastern side. He became conscious, several weeks ago, that his life was precarious, and made such arrangements as the circumstances demanded. But no alteration of manner would have indicated anything of the kind, even after disease began to show its handwriting in his countenance. His latest conversation was largely of his country. His patriotic fervor increased with his decline, and his views were hopeful for himself, his country and his race. A numerous gathering from the various religious societies attended his funeral services at the Universalist church, and a discourse was delivered by the writer.

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