

[Davis, Hiram H.]

Hiram H. Davis
(Communicated)

Last Tuesday afternoon, at his home, two miles south of the village of Deansboro, occurred the death of Hiram H. Davis, for many years a resident of that place, and one held in the highest respect and esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. Davis was born in Hanover, on the old Davis homestead, in 1831, where he spent the early part of his life. In 1857 he married Ellen M. Sabin, daughter of Sylvanus and Caroline Sabin, of Deansboro. Mr. and Mrs. Davis went first to Mr. Davis' home at Hanover, where they lived for fifteen years, and where their two children, Lewis S. and Florence Mae Davis, were born. In 1862 they removed to the Sabin homestead, where for the past thirty-seven years they have resided. During the thirty-seven years that Mr. Davis lived here his genial disposition, his integrity and earnestness of purpose made for him many friends. Of a generous and kindly nature he stood four-square to the light as he saw the light; ready with cheerful and cordial greeting for those of the outer circle; with helping and generous had for those of the inner circle; with constant care and deep solicitation for those of the innermost circle. He had friends because he showed himself a friend. His loss is mourned because he as a husband and a father in all that the words imply. The boy, the youth, the man, were uncontaminated by those indulgences and dissipations which, to so great an extent, are to-day enervating our youth, undermining health and threatening the perpetuity of the best American manhood. In the possession of those qualities which make for principle and purity of character, he wore, through the advancing years, that "white flower of a blameless life," and though yielding to that invisible power to which all must yield at last, his spirit towered, supreme and sun-crowned, and "more than conqueror." All too rapidly we are moving away from that simplicity of life, that ruggedness and vigor which characterized the men and women who gave to America a name and a place in the history of the world. The passing of a life in which were embodied such traits of character is deserving of more than casual notice; for such lives and the influence of such lives are rich legacies to a future which can look for suggestion and inspiration, only to the past and its achievements.

Mr. Davis' habits of life gave him a strong, robust constitution. Prior to the death of his daughter three years ago he had never known a sick day. From the shock occasioned by the loss sustained at that time the father never fully recovered. The activities of life were continued, but with greatly impaired health and strength.

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On the 23d of last April, although seemingly in usual health, he suffered a slight stroke, which left him greatly weakened and with the possession of speech almost gone. But a vigorous constitution asserted itself. The accumulated energies of a life well lived rallied to his support, and he slowly regained a portion of his former strength. For the past week he had seemed, as is so often true in cases of a similar nature, unusually bright and active. Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock, as he was entering the house, he again suffered a paralytic stroke more severe than the former one. Medical aid was quickly summoned but to no purpose. He sank rapidly until 6 o'clock, when the end came.

Mr. Davis is survived by his widow, Ellen M. Davis, and his son, Lewis S. Davis, both of Deansboro.

The funeral services were held at the family residence this (Friday) afternoon at half-past one, the Rev. Mr. Parker of Bridgewater officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery at Deansboro.

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—The funeral of Hiram H. Davis was held from the house on Friday afternoon and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. M. Parker, pastor of the Universalist Church of Bridgewater. Mrs. Charles G. Seals and Mrs. Lynn C. Hewitt sang appropriate selections. The bearers were E. W. Brooks, J. O. White, R. H. Hadcox and F. C. Carter. Interment was made in the Deansboro cemetery.

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