

[Dove, William]

### Another Pioneer Gone

WILLIAM DOVE, a venerable citizen, departed this life on the 16th inst., after many years of failing health and strength, and latterly of great suffering. He was a native of Yorkshire, England, born in 1794, but emigrated to America in early life, settling in Geneva about the year 1832. A mason by trade, he found ample employment as a master builder and contractor, many brick structures of our village standing as enduring monuments of his skill. His earlier labors were adequately compensated, and he frugally saved enough to keep him in comfort during his declining years and infirmities.

Mr. Dove was a man of positive opinions. Every question presented to him, of religion, politics, of local government or improvement, he studied carefully, thoughtfully, and when his views became well matured, he adhered to them with the greatest tenacity of mind and purpose. As early as 1842 he became convinced that indulgence in intoxicating drinks was the great bane of society; and joining in the "Washingtonian" movement he became one of the most ardent advocates of temperance reform. The pledge he then took he never violated. In politics he was a Democrat of the Jackson stamp, and never failed to vote in accordance with his democratic principles. In religion he was a Universalist—a firm believer in the doctrine of universal salvation, and his strong faith in redemption "through the blood of the Lamb" afforded light, comfort and resignation in his journey over the dark river.

The funeral took place yesterday from the Universalist Church, Rev. Corbin delivering a feeling discourse eulogistic of deceased and most comforting in assurance of the blissful immortality upon which he has entered.

Bearers and escort composed of his Masonic brethren attended at these last solemn rites, together with a large concourse of relatives, neighbors, and friends. He was interred in the old Pulteney street cemetery, where wife and children had been laid away long before him.

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