

[Dunlap, Thomas]

DEATHS.

[abridged]

In Middleport, Niagara co., N.Y., Feb. 11, Mr. THOMAS DUNLAP, aged 64 years, 8 months and 5 days. The subject of this notice was born in Goffstown, N.H. In 1820 he came west, and planted himself in a new home, to work for himself a destiny. By a well directed industry, uniting with a system of economy by which men grow rich, he gained a fortune. About 34 years he was to be found at his post, setting an example, which if followed so far as business is concerned, would change the condition of many families. He never wasted his time by sitting on grocery or tavern steps, or his money for segars and rum. As a man, he was honest and trustworthy—never holding out inducements of a generous appearance, to be taken advantage of on another day. Whatever he encouraged men to expect at his hands, he promptly fulfilled. While truth and justice, in the face of contracts, were the principles upon which his business habits were formed—taking and giving all that the figures represented, still he would exercise mercy toward the unfortunate, when industry and honesty recommended them to his favor.... As a neighbor, husband and father, he was highly respected. And as a business man, he will be greatly missed.... That very many would have used is large income more freely for public purposes than he was disposed, is undoubtedly the case. But he was aware that he could carry none of it with him. He has left it all in the world, to be used by others as it shall seem good to them. He was a Universalist in faith, and a very punctual attendant with his family upon the ministry of the word. He bore his sickness and suffering with more than a common fortitude, and came down to the close of life without a murmur or a complaint.—During the last week, when he had given up all expectations of recovery, and was fully conscious that his time was at hand, he attended to many business affairs—as far as he was able, he “set his house in order,” and prepared to depart. His last testimony to our faith was “it is as good to die by, as it is to live by.” He requested the writer to attend his funeral. An affectionate wife, one son and three daughters are left to mourn his departure. His funeral was attended by a very large congregation on Monday, though the day was very rainy, when a discourse on the subject of “The Christian hope” was delivered by the writer....

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