

[Fitch, Edward]

DEATHS.

[slightly abridged]

In Glens Falls, July 20, Mr. EDWARD FITCH, aged 46 years.—The subject of this notice possessed in a good degree those traits of character which endear one to his family and friends, and to the community in which he lives. A sincere and practical Universalist, he was an honest, upright man, a faithful husband and father, a valuable citizen, and a devoted member of our little fraternity. Possessing a strong constitution, and having had almost unbroken health, he had the promise of many years upon the earth; but he has been cut down in the very prime of life and usefulness, and has followed in rapid succession a mother and a brother to the spirit-land. Br. F. was one of that little band who, some ten years ago, braved the obloquy of the world, by establishing a Universalist Society in this village. And having once espoused the cause of Truth, he loved it, and honored it to the last. He has taken from the first an active and leading part in every measure designed to build up the Society, and has never faltered or grown weary in his devotion to the same.... May God bless and comfort abundantly the widow [Julia] and the fatherless [children, including Edson, Elizabeth, Thomas, and George], and all who have been called to mourn by this dispensation of Providence. And may the departure of this brother be sanctified to the good of that little flock of believers, in whose welfare he felt so deep an interest. How have its ranks been thinned by death within a year or two past. And when we think of our repeated losses—of a [Daniel G.] Harris, a Palmeto, a [John P.] Coffin, and a Fitch—four of its best and most efficient members, who have recently left us...we can but express the wish that they might still exert an influence upon the living—that their voices might still be heard, and their examples felt, by those they have left behind, encouraging the desponding, quickening the lukewarm, and inspiring all who with their own love of the truth, and willingness to toil and sacrifice in its support.

C. W. M.

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