

[Harris, Daniel G.]

Death of Daniel B. Harris, Esq., of Glens Falls

The death of this brother was very sudden. He left his family the day before in usual health, and went to Luzerne, where he had charge of an extensive work. He was taken suddenly ill about three o'clock, on Tuesday the 23d ult., and expired at nine the same evening. He was perfectly conscious till a few moments before his death, and fully satisfied that his hour of departure had come. He spoke with the most perfect composure of dying, gave directions concerning his worldly affairs, and his funeral, requested that the writer should be sent for to preach a sermon on the occasion, and "do justice to the faith he had enjoyed the last years of his life." He was perfectly calm and reconciled, and remarked, that he had "implicit confidence in God."

We have known our lamented brother for many years, and greatly loved him for his many excellent qualities. He was a consistent Universalist, an honest politician, an active citizen, and a good man. He was extensively known, and greatly respected as a friend, a citizen, and a man of business. He left Rhode Island in a time when the peace and sanctity of the domestic altar were involved, and men were imprisoned for opinion's sake—for respecting the rights of *many* more than the domination of the *few*. But the years he had spent at Glens Falls, had gathered around him intimate friends, and given him a condition better suited to the free exercise of his religious, political and social principles. The Glens Falls Republican says of him:

MR. HARRIS was one of our most enterprising business men—active, energetic, and persevering in the prosecution of his labors. As a citizen, he had, by his proverbial courtesy and gentlemanly deportment in all walks of life, as well as by his large philanthropy of heart and integrity of character, secured a high regard and esteem from all classes of the community. His loss will be severely felt and deeply deplored by the public, but especially by the large circle of near friends and relatives from whom he has been thus suddenly removed.

An immense concourse of people gathered at his funeral, on Sunday, 28th ult., to attest their respect for his memory. The Presbyterian Society very generously offered the use of their new church for the services, it being larger than the Universalist. But inasmuch as Br. H. had been one of the principal men in the establishment and support of the Universalist Church, and the family had always gone with him to that altar, and his friends had met him there as a devout worshipper, now that the consolations of religion were so much needed, that seemed the most proper place for the celebration of his funeral rites. We believe this feeling was duly appreciated by all.

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Mr. Harris was 54 years old. His disease was an affection of the heart. He was conscious for some time that his life was held by a brittle tenure, more liable than is common to be snapped at any moment. Hence death did not overtake him so unprepared as others might expect. He had thought of death, and had laid "hold on the hope of eternal life." He was willing to die. He has died, and though wife, and children, and a wide circle of friends, deeply mourn his loss, he rejoices in the bosom of his God.

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