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On the very evening of the day his brother Morris died [March 20], Charles L. Hemiup was stricken down with typhoid pneumonia, and he died on Sunday morning at about one o'clock. On that very evening he was down at the home of his brother with his youngest daughter Eva, and he feeling badly they went home about nine o'clock. That day had been quite a busy one for him, both at home and about the village, and sick as he must have been with that disease then making deadly assaults upon his lungs, he would not give up. When Dr. Blaine was summoned to see him, he found the patient ejecting blood, one of the most serious stages of the disease.

Chas. L. Hemiup was born in Geneva March 8, 1822, and consequently had just passed the 73d year of his age. Looking about the village, we cannot recall another man as old as he was who was so active, so full of life. He was foremost in all matters that related to the growth and prosperity of Geneva, giving freely of his time and money. Whatever he undertook to do was done *well*. This principle he carried out more conspicuously as street commissioner, and had he lived and been well, he would have been called to that station by the incoming board of trustees, for the new board knew the value of the man. Since the death of his good wife, a sister of Charles and William Alcock, he remained a widower, caring only for his son and two daughters. Of his family Miss Eva alone has remained at home, being true as steel to him. By diligence and honest economy he had gained a competency, and need never have worked another day; but idleness would have killed him long ago. He would rather work for nothing than be idle. As to his honesty and soundness no one ever doubted him. His word was as good as his bond. We could write columns of him and his brother, both now united on the other shore after a separation of only four days. Both are at rest from their labors—may it be in peace. Three children survive him, Dr. Wm. G. and Eva Hemiup of Geneva, and Mrs. Caroline A. Perkins of Iowa City, who arrived here a few hours after her father died, having been summoned by telegraph on Thursday morning. The funeral takes place tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock from the Universalist Church. The casket will be open at the house from nine a.m. until noon.

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