

[Holmes, William B.]

DEATHS.

In this city [Utica] on the 17th inst. of consumption, WILLIAM B. HOLMES, Esq., Attorney at Law, of Frankfort, Herkimer county, aged 31 years. The subject of this notice had, for about two years, been gradually declining under the influence of that flattering [??] but unrelenting disease. He spent the last winter at the South, in the vain hope of recovery; returned in the spring; in July visited New York just before the death of his wife by the same disease (see her obituary in this paper of Aug. 1) and again this month, still flattering himself that a physician there could help him; but on his last visit his physician told him there was no help, and he had better return to his friends [i.e. family] as soon as possible. He started with the intention of reaching Cazenovia, where his children were with his late wife's parents and friends; but he was barely able to reach this city, on the morning of the 17th; was carried from the cars to Baggs' Hotel, after which he breathed but a few moments and expired. He was calm and collected; had long been expecting, and prepared for, the mortal hour. Believing, as he did, in the final holiness and happiness of a ransomed world, and that he was about to join his departed companion in glory, death had no terrors for him. He seemed desirous of living only for the sake of the two small children he left behind. Thus suddenly were cut down, in the morning of life and in the midst of active usefulness, by the same disease, both the heads of this interesting family, leaving two infants and a numerous circle of kindred and friends to mourn their early exit. Br. Holmes was a self educated and self made man, and had raised himself from obscurity and poverty to an elevated rank in his profession, and secured the general respect of the community in which he lived. Of an active, energetic and ambitious turn, he probably applied himself too closely to business, and thereby undermined his constitution and accelerated his death. His remains were taken to the house of Col. Judd, his late partner, in Frankfort, and on the 20th his funeral was attended at the Universalist church by a numerous concourse of relatives and friends, to whom a discourse was delivered by the writer, from 1 Peter i: 24, 25. May God console the mourners and protect the orphans.

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