

[Kelsey, William]

DEATHS.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of *William Kelsey, Esq.*, one of the aldermen of this city and a member of the Universalist church. The circumstances of his death were peculiarly distressing. Br. Kelsey, who followed the occupation of a Tanner, had overhauled some hides in New-York, which had been imported from South America. These hides had been much damaged, and were very offensive—so much so that he declined the purchase. About a fortnight after this event, he was taken very unwell, but no particular alarm was felt, until a day or two before his death, when his symptoms gave reason to believe that he had taken the Small Pox. His sufferings became extreme; his disease was of the most aggravated description, and after a week of great bodily agony, it pleased our heavenly Father to terminate his distress by death, on Friday morning, December 16, aged 49 years.

Br. Kelsey has left an amiable wife, and a large family, to lament his untimely removal. We commend them to the guardianship of our heavenly Father, and to the riches of his grace. While they submissively bow to the high behest of Him “who ordereth all things after the counsel of his own will,” may they derive consolation from the gracious invitation to a confident reliance on that promise which says, “Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them; and let thy widows trust in me.” —*Troy Gospel Anchor*.

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