

[Light, William B.]

WILLIAM B. LIGHT

William B. Light, a well known printer and a prominent member of the order of Good Templars of this county, died at his home in Utica at 11:45 p.m. on Saturday of apoplexy. He was stricken with apoplexy on Friday and, in spite of the best medical attendance, succumbed to the attack. Mr. Light was born in North New Berlin, Chenango county, June 12, 1830. He learned the printing business in an office in New Berlin and afterward worked in Rome and Utica newspaper offices. Twenty-five or thirty years ago he and his family lived on Court street in Rome, and Mr. Light was employed in the office of the SENTINEL. He had also been employed here at various times since. For the last 18 years his home had been in Utica, but for several years past he had not worked at his trade, owing to his failing sight. Mr. Light was always an advocate of temperance. When a young man he joined the Sons of Temperance, and later the Rechabites. For 17 years he had been a member of Oak Lodge, No. 812, I.O.G.T., of Utica, and he had held every position of honor in the lodge. He was delegate to state conventions of the order in Rochester, New York, Thousand Islands, Saratoga and many other places, and he attended all notable and representative gatherings of the order. Since 1875 he has been secretary of the County Lodge, a position he held at his death. So well did he fill this position that it was a current saying among members of the order that the County Lodge would have no other secretary while he lived, and it did not. He was in attendance at the annual meeting of the County Lodge in Rome last Tuesday and Wednesday, and was re-elected county secretary for the ensuing year. He did his work in a careful, systematic manner, and his records were always accurate, legible and written up to date. He not only attended all meetings of the County Lodge, but district meetings in all parts of the county. He prepared for the newspapers most of the reports of the meetings of the Good Templars at which he was present. His reports were accurate and well written, and needed little editing. He will be greatly missed by the Good Templars of this county. Personally Mr. Light was a very genial man and was always ready to do a friend a good turn. Mr. Light was twice married. His first wife was Lucinda C. Hoag, who died in 1871. His second wife was Hannah Trumble, who is still living. Three children also survive—Olin N. Light and Mrs. Myrtle G. Duflo of Utica and William A. Light, a well known Adirondack guide of Northwood, Herkimer county. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the house at 1:30 p.m. and from the [Universalist] Church of [the] Reconciliation at 2:00.

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