

[Marsh, Henry and Reliance]

DEATHS.

In Scipio, Cayuga county, June 30th, of apoplexy, Mr. HENRY MARSH, aged 69 years and 4 months. His death was as sudden and unexpected as the lightning's flash, leaving no opportunity to whisper a parting farewell to his bereaved and sorrowing family. He was engaged in splitting wood near the door of his house, one of his sons being but a few rods distant when he fell to the ground—but before he could be raised from the earth, the vital current had ceased its flow, and the spirit returned to God who gave it. Mr. Marsh was among the earliest inhabitants of this town—he was universally respected for his unyielding integrity and strict moral deportment—and his sudden death created a universal feeling of sympathy and grief among our citizens generally. His funeral was attended July 2d, at the Universalist church in this town—Br. J. M. [John Mather] Austin of Auburn was called to officiate on the occasion, the writer being absent on a journey.

But the afflictions of this family did not end with the death of the husband and father; for ere had they recovered from the shock which his sudden death produced, the widowed companion and fond mother was called from earth to heaven, thus leaving a family of seven children orphans indeed. Mrs. [Reliance] Marsh died July 16, only about two weeks subsequent to the death of her husband, aged 59 years and 9 months. She too died of apoplexy, though not quite as sudden as Mr. Marsh, she living nearly twenty-four hours after the attack. She was one of the most kind-hearted and even-tempered persons with whom I have ever been acquainted, and in her death her children have suffered an irreparable loss. But they are blessed with a religious faith which teaches that in the resurrection, we "shall be like the angels of God in heaven"—and from this faith, we trust they will derive all needed support and comfort. Her funeral was attended on the 17th of July, and a discourse delivered by the writer from Matt. xxii:29,30. Br. Austin was present and assisted in the exercises.

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