[Redfield, Harley]

DEATHS.

At his residence in Manchester, Ontario county, on the 19th of April, Mr. HARLEY REDFIELD, in the 52d year of his age. His disease was a lingering consumption of more than twenty years standing, which he bore with unparalleled patience and Christian resignation. Never did the King of Terrors meet with a victim more calm and composed, more ready to make his exit to the spirit-world, than in the death of our lamented brother, who died trusting in the mercy of God and in the certain fulfillment of all his holy promises. He was able to look beyond the trials and sorrows of time to the joys of eternity, in a full and cheering confidence of meeting his relatives and friends in immortal bliss. O, it was an affecting scene to all around to hear the dying saint talk to his weeping family and friends, of the comforts of the Gospel—the religion of Christ.—With his wife and children, one sister and two brothers, who were present at his dying moments, he conversed in the most feeling manner, pronouncing upon them a father's and brother's blessing, pointing towards heaven as the destiny of all mankind, 'where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.' He is the first of eight brothers who have been called to the 'silent city.' He leaves a wife and three children, an aged father, seven brothers and one sister, to mourn their irreparable loss. Nor are his relatives all who mourn. His great moral worth, strict integrity, his benevolence to the poor, and his sympathy for the suffering, endeared him to all; and this estimation was clearly evinced by the large concourse of people who assembled, and the tears that were shed, on the gloomy day of his interment. His funeral was attended on the 22d, and a discourse delivered by the writer, from Phil. iii:20,21.

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