

[Robinson, Horatio]

DEATH OF A NOTED PHYSICIAN

Dr. Horatio Robinson, Sr., died Sunday evening at the residence of B. [Benjamin] B. Snow in Grover street at the advanced age of 85 years. Dr. Robinson was one of the last survivors of the physicians of the old school in this city. He was a contemporary of Dr. Theodore Dimon, Dr. Lansing Briggs and Dr. Pitney and, like them, attained prominence in the practice of his profession. His life was a busy one and he continued in his work until illness and old age forbade practice. He was born in New Lebanon, Conn., February 4, 1804 and there received a common school education. He took up the study of medicine with Dr. William Robinson of Westerly, R. I., and afterwards entered the Berkshire Medical College at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, graduating in 1826. He had meanwhile married Mary Ann Robinson, daughter of his first instructor in medicine, and after he left college, he returned to Westerly, where he formed a partnership with his father-in-law. In 1836, he removed to this state, locating in Potter, Yates county, where he remained five years, removing to this city in 1841. He had been trained in the allopathic system, but turned his attention to homeopathy, which he adopted soon after locating here. He was among the first physicians who practiced it west of Albany. He practically established the system in this section of the State and among those who adopted it from him was Dr. Humphreys, at that time prison physician and with whom he was associated. Dr. Humphreys afterwards became the manufacturer of Humphreys Homeopathic Specialties in New York and as such became very noted. His medicines are standard today. During President Lincoln's administration Dr. Robinson was appointed physician to the Consulate at [___?], where he remained about a year. Not finding his surroundings congenial, he returned to this city and resumed his practice. For years, he has been a member of the New York State Homeopathic Society and of the American Institute of Homeopathy. He was also a trustee of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., and as such did much toward the advancement of that institution. In religious belief he was a Universalist and was prominent as a member of that church in this city for years. He was a thorough christian, honorable and upright in his dealings with men and during his busy life attracted general respect. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. His surviving children, Dr. Horatio Robinson, Dr. William F. Robinson and Mrs. B. B. [Elizabeth Ann] Snow, will have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

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