

[Smith, Ralph H.]

Ralph H. Smith, Esq.—We are pained to announce the death of Ralph H. Smith, Esq., of West Farms, Westchester Co., N.Y., which occurred after a brief illness, of inflammation of the lungs, on the 2d inst.

Mr. Smith had been a resident of West Farms from his boyhood, and for many years had carried on the mercantile business, to the interest alike of himself and his customers. By strict attention to business, by unquestionable integrity, and great kindness of spirit and manner, he won universal respect and confidence, and left by his death a void in that community which will not readily be filled. But it was at home and in the bosom of his own family, that his virtues were best known and most deeply appreciated. There his loss is irreparable. He leaves an aged mother now who has already passed her four score years, an affectionate wife and four children, two brothers and one sister, besides other and more distant relations.

Mr. Smith had long cherished the faith of the Gospel as entertained by Universalists, and had adorned the doctrine by a Christian walk of singular purity and excellence. It was remarked by one who knew him well, on the day of his funeral, that he had not an enemy in the world. One of the most touching incidents of that occasion was the presence of a number of young men who had grown up as clerks in Mr. Smith's store and had now come together to testify their respect and loved for the deceased.

The funeral services were performed by Rev. Dr. [Thomas J.] Sawyer, at the residence of the family, the Presbyterian church having been denied for the occasion.

Mr. Smith had reached the age of 43 years.

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