

[Starr, Oliver S.]

Death of O. S. Starr

Br. Austin¹:-Our infant Society here in Newburgh has met with a very great loss in the death of our worthy brother Oliver S. Starr, who passed on from this state of mortality... on the 14th inst., aged about 48 years. His wife had already been confined to her room three or four weeks when he was taken down, and being very sick at the time, she was deprived the privilege of ministering to his wants. He was confined to his bed a little over two weeks, and was blessed with all the care and attention which sympathy and affection could bestow. It was a scene that touched the sympathy of many hearts to view the husband sick unto death, and in the adjoining room the wife not expected to recover. But by the blessing of God she is now convalescent, and hopes are now entertained of her speedy restoration to health.

Br. Starr was one of the most active members of our Church and Society. He was elected one of the deacons of the Church, and was one of the Trustees of the Society from its first organization—was one of the building committee, and did far more than any other one toward the erection of our house of worship and for the support of our meetings. He was deeply interested in the success of our enterprise here, and hence was liberal and generous even beyond his means. “He being dead, yet speaketh.” May that “still small voice,” “go and do likewise,” be duly heeded by the remaining members of the Society.

He was connected with the business portion of the community for a long number of years, and gained a reputation for integrity and uprightness of character—he was esteemed by those who knew him best as an honest man. But he has fallen in the full strength of manhood, and in the midst of usefulness. “Peace be to his ashes.” A wife mourns the loss of an indulgent husband, five children of a kind father, aged parents of a dutiful son, one brother and four sisters of an affectionate brother. A large circle of relatives are also left to mourn. He was an obliging neighbor and a generous friend.

His funeral was attended on the Sabbath following his decease, when a very large concourse of citizens assembled to pay the last sad office of respect. The fraternity of the I. O. of O. F. were present in their associated capacity, and took charge of the remains after leaving the house. The religious services were conducted by the writer, and a discourse preached from Romans XIV:7-9.

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