

[Stebbins, Joseph]

Deaths. In Clinton, Jan. 18, Joseph Stebbins, Esq., aged 88 years. Blessed with success and a competency of this world's goods, unobtrusive in his manner and modest in his deportment, the departed had for many years lived a quiet and retired life, and as he had lived, so he died at a good old age, in quietness and peace, without a struggle or a groan, like a lamp expiring when the oil is all gone. Though quiet and unobtrusive, Mr. S. was not unknown nor his influence unfelt in this community. He was long a principal pillar and support of the Universalist Society in Clinton, and did more to build the church and settle and sustain its first and longest resident Pastor, Rev. S. R. Smith, than any other man. He contributed too, much more largely in money than any other man for the building, establishment and endowment of the *Clinton Liberal Institute*. From the first he was its Treasurer, for many years a Trustee, and to the last of life manifested the deepest interest in its welfare. He was especially gratified to see it in so flourishing and prosperous a condition at the close of his long life. Let his memory and good deeds long be gr??n in our hearts, and let his surviving family and friends be comforted both in view of his life so useful and long, his death so peaceful and happy, and the joyous immortality to which he has gone. His funeral was attended by a large assembly, and a sermon preached on the occasion from John xiv, 16-17.

D. S. [Rev. Dolphus Skinner

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