

[Underhill, Eugene]

DEATHS.

In New-York city, on the 1st inst., EUGENE UNDERHILL, son of Mr. William Underhill, of Wolcott, Wayne county, in the 21st year of his age. The death of this young man was occasioned, as he was performing his duty as fireman, by the falling of a mass of bricks, beneath which himself and another unfortunate young man, a Mr. Ward, were literally buried. Though the accident occurred early in the morning, yet the bodies could not be removed till about 6 o'clock, P.M. The obsequies took place on the following day, and the sympathies excited, and the deep interest felt by the citizens generally, will appear from the following extract from the Spectator.

“FUNERAL—Perhaps on no private occasion has a deeper interest been manifested, than at the obsequies to the lamented *Underhill* and *Ward*, who came to their death at the recent fire in Pearl-street. A procession was formed at the green in front of the Hospital, under the direction of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, *James Gulick*, Esq., consisting of all the firemen of the two cities of New-York and Brooklyn, with a large body of exempts, each with crape on his left arm, with about sixty beautiful banners belonging to the different companies, also trimmed with crape—one of which, nearest the remains of the deceased, bearing in gold letters the inscription, ‘TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF DEPARTED WORTH.’ The procession, which occupied three-fourths of an hour in passing, repaired to the late dwelling of Mr. *Ward*, in Pearl-street, received the corpse, and accompanying the hearse, preceded it to Henry-street, when it was joined by that on which was borne the body of Mr. *Underhill*. The whole then proceeded to St. John’s burial place, where the funeral service was performed, and their bodies committed to the ground, ‘earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.’ A more solemn and impressive ceremony cannot be well imagined, than that performed by the venerable Dr. *Wilnor*, on this melancholy occasion.”

To the afflicted parents and other relatives and friends of Mr. *Underhill* in Wolcott, the writer, on Sunday, the 13th inst., tendered the consolations of the Gospel from Matt. vi:9. We see, by the Christian Messenger, that a funeral sermon was also delivered on Sunday, 6th inst., at the Orchard-Street [Universalist] church, by Br. T. J. [Thomas Jefferson] Sawyer, pastor of said church, of which Mr. Underhill was, during life, a member.

The afflicted parents have lost a son to whom they were attached by a thousand endearing ties. He was a young man universally respected, and died lamented by all who knew him. May our heavenly Father grant the consolations of the Gospel of impartial grace to the mourning parents and friends, and bless this afflictive dispensation to all concerned.

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