

[Watson, John]

DIED:

In Sennett, N.Y., on the 27th inst., Mr. John Watson, aged 76 years. The deceased was highly esteemed by an extended circle of acquaintances as a good citizen, an honest and exemplary man, and faithful and obliging friend. He was for a long time a prominent and active member of the Universalist Society in Mottville, N.Y., and was always a punctual attendant on public worship, while his health permitted him to visit the house of God. He was an ardent lover of the doctrine of God's impartial grace, and was ever willing to labor for its upbuilding and to contribute liberally for its support. Whatever aid it was in his power to render to our cause, he was most happy to yield. But [only] a short time previous to his death he contributed \$100 towards liquidating the debts resting upon the Clinton Liberal Institute. In an article in the *Ambassador* [the *Christian Ambassador*, a weekly Universalist publication] of the 15th inst., Rev. D. [Dolphus] Skinner describes his call upon him to receive his subscription for the Institute in the following manner:—"Another old friend in the [country?], I called on a few days since, not older than the above, but with locks somewhat whiter and steps more feeble, with a wife and only one child—a daughter married and living with him—when I entered his dwelling, welcomed me with a most benignant smile and said, 'Br. S, I am heartily glad to see you. I made up my mind some time ago to give you \$100 for the Institute, but I did not know how to inform you of it, or get it to you—and now you have come to receive the subscription and make me a call besides. I am glad to see you—to see you look so well and especially to think you are likely to succeed.' And the old man's face was radiant with joy, while the wife, the daughter and her husband were full of joy to see him so happy and to think he had the opportunity of giving his \$100 to his old friend for the Institute..." What a valuable legacy is the memory of such an act, to leave to children and family. How it embalms the name of the donor in the hearts of the community for long years after he has passed away. His funeral was attended in the Universalist church at Mottville, on the 28th. A very large audience of relatives, friends and neighbors was present, to testify their respect for the departed.—*Christian Ambassador*.

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