

[Whitney, Alanson]

Died at his residence in Kendall, Orleans co., N.Y., on the 27th of July last, Mr. Alanson Whitney, in the 59th year of his age. The deceased was one of the oldest residents of this town, having resided here some twenty-eight years. He was extensively known as a man of industrious habits, of marked character, of uncompromising resolution, of strong feelings, of more than a common intelligence, and of inflexible integrity. The death of such a man is a loss to any community.

But especially is his death a loss to our religious Society. He was one of the first of its members, and was a member of its first Board of Trustees. For many years, he had been very anxious to effect an organization, and build a church, that himself, his family and friends might enjoy the ministrations of the pure Gospel from Sabbath to Sabbath. May the ground on which the new church stands be sacred to its memory. As the chief desire of his heart was about to be realized—as the new church edifice was drawing toward completion—as the long hoped for, long deferred blessing was just within reach—the angel of death sounded his summons, and he laid aside his over-tasked and worn out body, and ascended to enjoy henceforth the companionship and blessed ministries of the angels, the Saviour, and the Father.

Br. Whitney was strongly attached to his family and friends; and while they have felt his loss keenly, they mourn not as those who have no hope of a bright and happy union hereafter. May they all remember, that though “clouds and darkness” are round about us here, the time will come when all the mysterious providences of God will be seen through and understood, and when the brightest and choicest blessings shall dawn, after our night of affliction and sorrow.

The funeral obsequies were attended in the Baptist Church of this place, on Sunday afternoon, July 29th, by an immense concourse of people—very many of whom were not able to get into the house, nor even within hearing about the doors and windows—when the hopes and assurances of the Gospel were presented in a sermon, by the writer hereof, from 1 Cor. xv:51,52. May the blessings of the Father be upon those who mourn.

Kendall, N.Y.

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