

[Whittemore, Samuel]

DEATHS.

It becomes our painful duty to record the sudden death of SAMUEL WHITTEMORE, Esq., who departed this life on Monday evening, the 22d of June. The immediate cause of his death was an apoplectic fit [a stroke], which in a few minutes deprived him of existence. He was returning from the dwelling of one of his children to his own house between the hours of nine and ten, when he was attacked in the street. He was immediately conveyed into a house opposite the spot where he fell, and though medical aid was almost instantly administered, the vital spark had fled.

Br. Whittemore had been a resident of the city of New York for the last thirty-two years, during which period he has filled many important stations. Wishing to avoid the language of undue eulogy, the least we can say is, that in every situation in which he was placed, he fulfilled its various duties with honour to himself and to the advantage and well being of those with whom he was connected. As a citizen he was eminently the poor man's friend, and the patron of the industrious and honest mechanic. It was an affecting spectacle at his funeral to see the house and street crowded with those who had been the recipients of his benevolence, and who came to have a last view of their benefactor and friend.

In the domestic relations of husband and father, he was all that wife and children could desire; and the sincere grief of a mourning and weeping family is the best evidence how dearly he was beloved and how deeply his loss is felt.

To the third Universalist society, of which he was a trustee and a pillar, the loss is irreparable. He had laid the corner stone of the new Church now erecting in Bleecker street, and anticipated much pleasure in prospect of attending the sanctuary. While his *heart* was devoted to the glorious and holy cause of Universal Salvation, so his *hand* was in the work, and the interest which he felt, was plainly demonstrated by his zeal and activity in furthering its progress. We rejoice in the assurance that though not permitted to see the completion of that earthly temple erecting for the worship of the Father of the spirits of all flesh, he is the blessed inhabitant of that better temple, "a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

Br. Whittemore has left, to mourn his loss, an affectionate wife, ten children, a number of grandchildren and a large circle of relatives and friends. Our prayer to God is, that he will graciously minister all needed consolation to the afflicted and be the Father of the fatherless and the widow's God.—*N.Y. Chris. Mes.* [Christian Messenger]

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