

H. W. - 1879
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gathered the bride of his youth, and an almost unbroken family circle, as joyous then as sad to-day. Near 50 years was the period of his service as a church officer, and not a word or an act will be remembered that was not in accord with that profession, and character which gives "the highest style of man." A large number of the families of the town felt a strong attachment for him,—no more, since it was his choice of a home, which brought here many of our valued citizens, the Sutherlands, Childs, Morrisons, Walkers, Stevens, Leightons, Eastmans, and others.

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V. Ind OBITUARY. Nov 20, 1879

BARTLETT.—Died the 15th inst., in this city, STEPHEN N. BARTLETT, Esq., at the age of 76 years.

The funeral was attended by a large concourse of citizens on Sunday. Pres. Magoun conducted the services, assisted by Revs. Mr. Herrick and Grinnell, in the absence of Dr. Sturtevant.

Mr. Bartlett was a native of Bath, N. H., where he was a church officer, a magistrate, and a member of the State Legislature, and had an association with many eminent persons up to his removal to Grinnell in 1855. Here he discharged various duties connected with the Congregational church, and as a citizen, with honor and success.

At the funeral it was mentioned, though related to an eminent and historic family,—one Josiah Bartlett; the second signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the first Governor of N. H.—the deceased required no such association to color a well rounded beneficent life.

As a neighbor he was cordial and pleasant, and being "given to hospitality," a trait hundreds of strangers will remember as a conspicuous virtue. His temperament led him to become the conservative in society, more inclined to "steady the ark of God," than to be a leader, and an advocate of new measures, yet a cordial worker where the path of duty was plain.

None of the old citizens or of the younger, were more solicitous for good order in the town and the prosperity of the church and college. It was aptly said, by his coffin, that a fortunate historic personage had passed away. Warm friendships had been cultivated, there was a retrospect of an useful life, pronounced to the enjoyment of a golden

The cherished wish to die, surrounded by his family was gratified, and it was not a vain aspiration, that his memory will be cherished long after his dust shall have "returned to dust." The Congregational church will express its bereavement, and the First National Bank passed the following:

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a special meeting of the Directors of the First National Bank of Grinnell, held at their Banking house, on the 15th day of November 1879. President Steele in the air.

The following Resolutions were presented by Director J. B. Grinnell, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, one of our number, acon S. N. Bartlett, has been called away by death, therefore be it

Resolved, In the death of our other, at the ripe old age of seven-six years, we recognize a benignant Providence, continuing long in life, one who honored every station which he was called to fill.

That as a Magistrate in his native Hampshire, a pillar of society, a member of the Legislature, and for commendable and honorable service here, for near a quarter of a century, he will ever be held in high

esteem, an endeared husband, and Father, whose loss will be deeply felt in this Board of Directors, and to the bereaved family, we tender our sympathies, and will sorrowfully unite with them, in attending the funeral of the deceased to-morrow.

That this expression be entered upon the Bank records, and copies be furnished to the press, and family of the deceased.

By order of the Board of Directors,
 CHAS. H. SPENCER,
 Cashier.

BARTLETT, Deacon S. M.
Came in the summer of 1855 and
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house and did not place his fam-
ily in the "Long Home".