

OBITUARY,

It is with deepest regret that we are called upon to chronicle the death of Mr. William E. Osmun of this place, which took place on Monday last. The deceased had been in ill-health for the last few months, and for ten days previous to his death had been confined to his bed. Alarming symptoms developed themselves on Saturday last and the disease was finally pronounced typhoid fever by the attending physicians.

Notwithstanding the kind ministrations of numerous friends his condition was not bettered and on Monday evening, he sank rapidly, breathing his last about 7:45 P. M.

The deceased was the only child of Jonah H. and Jane Osmun, and was born in Prince William county, Virginia, on December 29, 1851, and was consequently about thirty-one and a half years old, and had been a resident of this town for the greater portion of his life, living most of the time with his parents. In the fall of 1873, Mr. Osmun married Miss Amelia Kluppelberg, eldest daughter of Prof. Kluppelberg, by whom he had two children, both of whom are living aged eight and three years, respectively.

Mr. Osmun received a good common school education and afterwards graduated from the Newark Business College in 1871, and took a position as clerk in the store of Mr. J. D. Hoffman where he remained about one year. He next was employed by Mr. T. S. VanHorn with whom he remained about six months, when he accepted a position in the Hackettstown Bank and afterwards became its teller. Mr. Osmun remained in the Bank for nine

years and until March 1st, 1882, when he entered into copartnership with Mr. T. S. VanHorn, his old employer, the firm being styled VanHorn & Osmun. On the 1st of March last this firm was dissolved, and he entered into a new partnership with Mr. George A. Swayze, and opened a new business house under the firm of Osmun & Swayze.

Mr. Osmun was a young man of good habits, honorable in his dealings, attentive to business and possessed of the requisites for a successful business man. He had held the position of Secretary and Treasurer of the Water Board for several years, and from time to

time had held other positions of trust. The deceased had been for a number of years a member of the Masonic Lodge of this place, and it was his desire and the expressed wish of the family that he should be buried with the rites and ceremonies of that "Ancient and Honorable Fraternity." Accordingly Independence Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M., at a special communication called for that purpose, met on Tuesday evening, May 22d, A. L. 5883 and unanimously resolved to perform the Masonic burial services and proceeded to make the necessary preparations. In accordance with the order, the brethren assembled yesterday, May 24th inst., at 12:30 P. M., and were marshalled in due form and moved in procession to the home of their late brother and companion. The body of the deceased was escorted to the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, and a sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Barr, the pastor Rev. Mr. Prouditt being absent as a delegate to the General Assembly. After the usual services the proces-

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