

DEATH OF STEPHEN S. FOSTER.

His Pioneer Work in the Cause of Free Soil and Free Men.

Stephen S. Foster is dead! He was one of the burning and shining lights in the old anti-slavery contests of a quarter of a century ago, and was a worthy compeer with Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Lysander Spooner and others in their opposition to the aggressions of the slave power. Mr. Foster was born in Canterbury, N. H., in 1809, and graduated at Dartmouth College, in that state, in 1838. After his graduation he devoted himself to a theological course of study; and he would have made, without doubt, a leading orthodox minister, if his sympathies had not been enlisted, while a theological student, with the anti-slavery cause through the writings of Mr. Garrison and others. He had a thorough knowledge of the scriptures—both of the Old and New Testament—and, when he left the divinity school, was able to hold his own with the ablest theologians in polemical discussion of the rights of human beings as to the possession of their bodies and their souls. He was gifted in a remarkable degree with the power of speech upon the platform; and, being well grounded in an honest purpose, he hardly ever failed to secure the respectful attention of any audience to his radical views as to the rights of man, and especially to the rights of the American slaves. He had a most absolute faith in the wisdom of the beatitudes; and, in the roughest turmoil of political excitement, even when his life was threatened, he was always calm. He believed in the power of love to conquer enmity and strife; and, consequently, was always "serene amid alarms." The writer has seen him wipe the nastiness from his head from a rotten egg which fairly hit in the face and go on with his discourse as if nothing had happened, until he could interject in his speech the scripture quotation "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." In 1845 Mr. Foster married the daughter of a well-to-do farmer in Worcester, named Abby Kelly. She was a woman of kindred tastes and aspirations; both were of the "strong-minded persuasion." They purchased a little farm at a place called Tatnuck, in the western suburbs of the city of Worcester, and here the venerable pair passed the evening of their days in happy consciousness of lives well spent, until death severed the cord which bound them. (Among the representative men of the past generation, who labored with heart, mind and intelligent purpose to secure the freedom of the slave, and free soil for free men, it seems as if the name of Stephen S. Foster would stand among the foremost on the list.)

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WANTED—At once, lasters, fitters, heel chavers and edgemakers. Apply to M. C. DIZER &

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My dear Mr. May

I inclose herein a brief notice of the death of our old friend. It was written upon the spur of the moment and would have been better, if not longer, had more time been allowed to me. Still, I do not see any thing to change or to be ashamed of. I think I had a right comprehension of the grand characteristics of our departed friend; and, it gave me great pleasure to throw this little fragment, as an expression of my regard for his memory, upon the new made grave in Hope Cemetery at Worcester.

Yours very truly
Thomas Drew

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