

John W. Curtis was the eldest son of Zachariah Curtis and was born at Troy, N. Y., on the 7th of January, 1804. His education preparatory to college was entrusted to the care of Dr. Stodart and Mr. McNiece. In September, 1821, he entered Union College where he graduated with the highest honors. Not less distinguished was his course at the Theological Seminary, which he entered in the autumn of 1824. Immediately after his ordination by Bishop Hobart, he accepted a call to Canandaigua and entered upon his duties towards the end of the summer of 1827, but in consequence of sickness, was compelled to return home in the fall of the same year. In the spring of 1828 he removed to Philadelphia, and accepted a temporary call to Harrisburgh, where he labored diligently for about six months. The congregation at this place were unsettled as to their ultimate choice of a pastor, and the church in which they then worshipped was in an unfinished state. Having received in the meantime an invitation to this parish, he accepted it, and here continued for more than two years to perform the duties of his office cheered by many a delightful evidence of success. In the spring of 1831, being quite feeble, he applied to the Bishop for a change. In March, 1831, he was induced by the Bishop and clergy, to become editor of the "Churchman", then first established. At the same time he had charge of the English and Classical department of the Public School sustained by Trinity Church in the city of New York. The responsibilities which both these offices brought with them, instead of securing for him new leisure for private intellectual employments, and consequent serenity of mind, only brought him more care and anxiety. The change from country to city operated for the worse. He declined in health rapidly. A pure and living faith in the merits of the Divine Redeemer sustained him to the last. He died Sunday morning, June 7th, 1835.

"His remains were taken to Troy, and deposited in the ground that is shaded at sunset by the mount so hallowed by him in his youth--his chosen resting place in life and death--serene and sacred Ida." He was the author of a small volume of poems in 1846.

"Poems" by the late Rev. John W. Curtis, M.A.,
New York. Edward O. Jenkins, 114 Nassau St.
New York City 1846.

He was ordained to the Holy Order of Priests by the Rt. Rev. J. H. Hobart, D.D., in Grace Church, White Plains, May 30, 1829.

JOHN W. CURTIS, A.M., 1824, of Troy, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean
Society. (Died: 1835)

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