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# Haverhill Museum.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 1805.

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It is with pleasure we present our readers with the following highly deserved and just tribute to merit, which we copy from the Boston Gazette of the 11th inst.

## *Tribute of Respect.*

On Thursday week, [Jan. 31,] were interred, with every mark of respect, the remains of the Rev. HEZEKIAH SMITH, D. D. Pastor of the Baptist Church in Haverhill, and one of the *Fellows of Brown University*, in the State of Rhode-Island.

At 2 o'clock, the Corpse was removed into the Meeting House, when the Rev. Dr. Stillman, in a judicious and well adapted discourse, founded on Acts xiii. 36, addressed a very crowded and deeply affected audience. After the public services, the body, preceded by the Merrimack Humane Society, Fire Society, &c. and followed by the mourners, neighboring Clergy, and a numerous procession of citizens, was conveyed to the still chambers of the dead.

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This amiable man was born on Long-Island, State of New-York, April 21, 1737. He was a happy instance of early piety, as appears by his making a public profession of religion before he was 19 years of age. He was a graduate at Princetown College, at which University he took his Master's degree in 1765. The year preceding this he visited New-England, and preached in various places, and among christians of different denominations, to general acceptance.

His labors having been peculiarly blessed to many in the town of Haverhill, a Baptist Church was formed in 1765, and Mr. Smith invited to take the pastoral charge. Yielding to their solicitations, he was installed Nov. 12, 1766. He continued in the successful discharge of his pastoral duties, until the commencement of the American revolution.— Though engaged in this sacred office, he did not relinquish his rights as a citizen. He saw with deep concern the freedom of his country invaded, and felt too sensibly interested to remain a silent spectator. Therefore, while the storm was increasing, and the fate of his country hung in awful suspense, his patriotic ardor compelled him to take a decided part. Accordingly, in 1776 he accepted an appointment from Congress, as a Chaplain in the army of the United States, in which service he continued until honorably discharged in 1780. Such was his exemplary, dignified behavior, during his residence in the army, as to gain him the highest confidence and esteem of the officers, as well as the most affectionate regards of the men. Often did he expose his own life to danger in the time of battle, whilst encouraging and animating the soldiers, and in soothing the sorrows of the wounded and the dying. Having finished the term of his engagement in the army, he returned to his beloved flock, and resumed again his pastoral functions.

As a preacher, Dr. Smith\* was equalled by few. His subjects were well chosen, and always evangelic. His voice was strong and commanding, and his manner solemn and impressive. In the endearing relations of husband, father, pastor, friend, he was faithful and most tenderly affectionate. He delighted in alleviating distress, and in making all around him happy.

In the death of this good man science has lost a most zealous friend and patron. His unwearied exertions for the promotion of literature, as well as his personal donations, are well known, and will long be remembered.

His family and flock most sensibly feel his loss, as do his brethren in the ministry; whilst the town at large, many in the vicinity, and a numerous circle of acquaintance, all mingle their sympathizing tears.

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth;—yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."*

\* A Doctor's degree was conferred on him by the Fellowship of Brown University, in 1797.