

“The intelligence of the sudden and unexpected termination of the career of one who seemed but a few days ago to be in the fullness of his strength, will be received with a sorrow equal to the sad surprise. Although he had so long since attained the leading position which he occupied, we naturally looked forward to many more years of usefulness for him in the work he loved so well, and in the duties which he discharged so faithfully. A life adorned by personal virtue, consecrated to worthy aims,—a life of usefulness to the world, and especially to the profession of dentistry,—is thus untimely ended.

“About the middle of November he had a slight congestion of the brain, from which he recovered quickly, but which was accepted by his physicians as an indication that he must at once seek a long-needed rest. In company with his son and daughter, and attended by his nephew, a physician, he sailed for Europe on November 19. He seemed to be rapidly gaining health and strength, until a little before Christmas a second attack of congestion occurred, to which he succumbed on the 30th of December. His remains were forwarded to his home, and, attended by his sorrowing family and friends, were consigned to the bosom of our common mother earth on the nineteenth day of January.

“Dr. White’s father died when he was eight years old. Soon afterwards his mother with her children removed to Burlington, New Jersey, where he resided until, at the age of fourteen, he was indentured to his uncle, Samuel W. Stockton, of Philadelphia, whose manufacture of mineral teeth was first in the United States to attain any commercial importance, to learn ‘the art and mystery of dentistry and the manufacture of incorruptible teeth.’

“On attaining his majority he commenced the practice of dentistry in his uncle’s office, and at the same time superintended his manufacturing department. In the following year (1844) he began the manufacture of teeth on his own account, in the garret of a dwelling-house at Seventh and Race streets, uniting with it the practice of dentistry in an office in the same building. This was the initiatory step in an enterprise which has since grown to be the largest of its kind in the world. In a short time he removed to Race street above Eighth, continuing both branches of his business. In 1845 he took in as partners Asabel Jones,