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DEATH OF HON. HENRY WINTER DAVIS.—

With some surprise on Saturday afternoon last, the death of the Hon. Henry Winter Davis became known to this community. He had been ill with pneumonia but three or four days, which, resisting the best efforts of most skillful physicians, terminated in his death on Saturday about 2 o'clock P. M.; at his residence, on St. Paul street, in this city. Mr. Davis was well known, not only to the people of this State, but to the country generally, as a politician of considerable ability and aspirations, and as a member of the legal profession. He had fine forensic talents, which had been displayed at the bar, and in parliamentary and popular assemblies. He was a native of this State, having been born at Annapolis, we believe, whilst his father, who was an Episcopal minister, was engaged as a preceptor in St. John's College. In this institution Mr. Davis was partly educated, finishing his studies at Hampton Sydney College, Va. At a later period he was admitted to the bar at Alexandria, and, finally, taking up his residence in Baltimore, was first elected to the lower House of Congress in 1855 from the then fourth congressional district, as the American candidate. He served three terms in succession, through the 34th, 35th and 36th Congresses, and was succeeded by Hon. Henry May in the 37th Congress, that gentleman defeating him at a special election in 1861, when Mr. Lincoln had made a call for the early assembling of that body on the 4th of July. In 1863, Mr. Davis was again elected as a Representative to Congress, without opposition, the district having been somewhat changed in its bounds, and established as the third district. He held the important position of chairman of the committee of foreign affairs in the House. For the present Congress he again essayed to be a candidate, but was defeated in the nominating convention of his party—the republican—by Mr. Phelps, the present member. Mr. Davis rather prided himself on being a progressive in politics, and seemed disposed to startle, at times, by his enunciations. His extreme radicalism, in the end, doubtless, worked to his disadvantage among his political associates in this State. He once before entering into politics, essayed authorship, producing a book entitled "The War of Ormuzd and Ahrinam." He was in the 49th year of age. He had been twice married, and leaves a widow, the daughter of John B. Morris, Esq., of this city.