

# Death of John W. Quinney

By a Stockbridge Indian

Our correspondent has sent us a truthful and succinct narrative of the prominent events in the life of John W. Quinney, which we subjoin. We are requested to state, that the friends of the deceased would be gratified if the *New York Tribune* and the *Evangelist* would copy this obituary notice.—*Fond du Lac Union*, Aug. 9, 1855.

John W. Quinney, ex-Stockbridge Indian Chief, died at his residence in Stockbridge, Wisconsin, upon the morning of the 21st of July, 1855, after having been in a state of decline for about one year. His death is deeply felt and mourned by his people, as he has been to them what Henry Clay and Daniel Webster were to the American people. He was among them a great man, and to them, the great has fallen. No member, in the history of the Stockbridge tribe, has been his equal in usefulness, in penetration of mind, and soundness of judgment. When a boy, he was one of three who received a common English education, under the patronage of the United States, being placed under the tuition of a Mr. Caleb Underhill, of Westchester County, N. Y., where he pursued his studies with alacrity and great proficiency. By degrees he gained the confidence of his people, until almost the entire national business rested upon him. In 1822, he, with two others, formed a deputation to Green Bay, where a treaty was made and concluded with the Menomonees, by which was purchased all the Green Bay lands, designed for the future home of the New York Indians. He procured, in 1825, the passage of a law through the New York State Legislature, to give the Stockbridge tribe full value for their lands, which remained to them in that state, and which enabled them subsequently to