

[Browne, Lewis Cresaba]

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Death of Lewis Cresaba Browne at Honeoye Falls Saturday
EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS

Dead Man's Life Story Interesting Reading and an Honorable Memorial
—Was Born in Vermont

Rev. Dr. Lewis Cresaba Browne, an aged resident, former pastor of the Universalist Church at North Bloomfield, died at his home, on Main street, Honeoye Falls, Saturday, at the advanced age of 88 years.

Dr. Browne was born March 8, 1810, in Bennington, Vt., where he resided until 14 years of age, attending district school winters and working on farms summers. At the age of 15 he went to Utica to live with an elder brother and followed his mechanical occupation. Subsequently he served as clerk in Utica and Troy. Still later he engaged in teaching and continued in this line of work for about five years. In the fall of 1833 he began studying for the ministry, under the care of Rev. Stephen R. Smith, in Clinton, pursuing classical study at the Clinton Liberal Institute in that village. During an active ministerial service of forty years he held pastorates in Nashua, N. H.; Norwich, Conn.; Troy, Hudson, and some of the villages of this state. In the spring of 1868 he went with his family at Honeoye Falls, preaching for nearly four years at Bristol and one year at North Bloomfield. In 1875 he was disabled by failing eyesight and retired from pastoral labor.

During his ministry Dr. Browne had been a frequent contributor to the periodical literature of the Universalist denomination, and for nineteen years had been an associate editor of the *Christian Leader*, published in Boston. He occasionally indulged in writing poetry, some of his poems appearing in the *Christian Leader*, *Harper's Bazaar*, the *Buffalo Magazine of Poetry*, and in a large octavo volume entitled "The Poets of New Hampshire." On the occasion of his eighty-eighth birthday in March last, the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him with appropriate services at the Universalist Church at North Bloomfield.

A widow [Elizabeth D. Pope] survives him, together with one daughter, Miss Alice Browne, and two sons, Dr. D.[Delano] G. Browne of Honeoye Falls and Irving Browne, city law librarian of Buffalo. Dr. Browne's funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. G. A. Firgan officiating.

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