

[Gates, John F.]

PERRY AND SILVER LAKE

Death came to our friend Rev. J. F. Gates about nine o'clock Saturday evening. Thus passed away a noble christian gentleman, a good citizen and a warm hearted, genial journalist. Rev. J. F. Gates was born at Gallipolis, Ohio, Dec. 16, 1830. He was educated at Marietta, Ohio Liberal Institute. His first work was in the post office of his native town. Afterwards he engaged in the profession of teaching. In 1885 he removed to Marysville, California, where he embarked in mercantile business. Then he taught school for four years. He then purchased a farm on Feather River, Butte Co., and in 1861 was married to Miss Caroline M. Hutchings, who with three daughters [including Mrs. Jessie Gates Lyon and Mrs. Hattie Gates Williams] and a son survives him. Returning to Ohio, he in 1864 studied law with the firm of Cushing & Hibbard of Gallipolis, and was admitted to the bar in April 1867, but being of a religious turn of mind he resolved upon the Universalist ministry and in 1868 entered the St. Lawrence university at Canton, N.Y. He has been settled as pastor at McConnellsville and LeRoy, Ohio; Springfield, Vt.; Bristol, Leroy and Perry, N.Y. After a couple years in this village he founded the *News* which he issued Sept. 9, 1885, and successfully carried it on until he sold it to the Rev. Asa Countryman [another Universalist clergyman], last week. In the spring of '91, what was termed a "little sore" made its appearance in his mouth, and on Sept. 20th Dr. Harrington of Buffalo performed an operation on it. In December Mr. Gates went to Rome to see Dr. Kinsley of the cancer hospital but was told nothing could be done for him. He next went to Hornellsville and was treated a few weeks, when he returned home to die. The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the home and at 2:30 from the church. Rev. H. C. Munson had charge of the services. All business places closed during the funeral out of respect to the dead. The church was handsomely draped for the occasion and sorrow was manifested on every hand. At the church there was special music by the choir and short addresses by Rev. H. C. Munson, Rev. L. C. Brown [Lewis Cresaba Browne] of Honeoye Falls, Rev. E. [Ebenezer] Hathaway of Corfu, and Rev. C. H. Dibble of Perry. The Masonic rites were performed at the church and the lodge formed an escort to the cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous and handsome.

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