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DEATH OF REV. HENRY LYON

It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Rev. Henry Lyon, so long and favorably known to the Universalist public as a minister of the Gospel, Agent of the AMBASSADOR, and publisher and seller of Universalist books. This event occurred at his residence in Williamsburgh, where, surrounded by his family and friends, he calmly passed away late on Sunday afternoon, the 16th inst., in the 53d year of his age.

Three years ago, while attending on the State Convention at Troy, he contracted a violent cold, which rapidly developed a hereditary tendency to pulmonary consumption. This was soon followed by excessive hemorrhage of the lungs, which completely prostrated him, and occasioned the most serious apprehensions of a speedy dissolution. He recovered partially from this condition, and, since that time, has been able, notwithstanding occasional attacks of hemorrhage and consequent weakness, to attend to some business, and even preach at intervals. His disease reached a crisis about ten days before his death, and left his physician and friends no hope of his recovery. He himself was conscious that the inevitable hour was at hand, and making such preparations for the event as were necessary, committed himself, with child-like confidence, to the hands of his Heavenly Father. He leaves a wife [Mary] and a large family of children [including Arilla, Henry, John, Frances, Clarence, William, Ida, Benjamin and Florence], with a wide circle of attached friends, to mourn the loss of a good man and a sincere and devout Christian.

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Biographical Record

Rev. HENRY LYON died in Williamsburg, N.Y., Sept. 16, 1866, aged 52. We have no means of learning the exact date of his entrance upon the ministry, which extended over a period of about thirty years. He was long and favorably known to the Universalist public as the Publishing Agent of the "Ambassador," and the publisher of Universalist books in New York City. Those who a few years ago were accustomed to frequent the "Ambassador" office, will always remember his genial smile, his quiet demeanor, and his accommodating spirit, manifested alike to all. Free from jealousy, from envy, from peevishness, from all the foibles which make the character unamiable, he possessed the positive virtues of a loving heart, a true fidelity, a consecrated devotion to what he deemed Christian truth, and to the means by which that truth is to be disseminated among men.

Three years before his death, while attending the New York Convention, he contracted a violent cold, which rapidly developed a pulmonary consumption. Violent hemorrhages of the lungs followed, by which he was completely prostrated, and brought near the grave. He rallied, however, and, though subject to frequent attacks of bleeding, was able to attend to business, and even preach at intervals. His disease reached its crisis about ten days before his death. He was conscious that the inevitable hour was at hand, and, making such preparations as were necessary, he committed himself, with child-like confidence, to the hands of his Heavenly Father. A wife and a large family of children, with a wide circle of attached friends, mourn the loss of a good man and a sincere and devout Christian.

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