

[Hayward, Henry L.]

#### DEATH OF HENRY L. HAYWARD

In a recent number of the *Universalist Leader*, reference was made to the recent illness of Henry L. Hayward of Colorado, formerly and for many years a minister of our church. He passed from the earthly life on Sunday December 26, aged 82 years, 5 months and 21 days.

Mr. Hayward was born in Rutland, Jefferson county, New York, where he passed his boyhood. He had six brothers and one sister, all of whom have passed to the other side. He began teaching school at the age of 16, and continued in that profession until he was 24 years old, when he became a clergyman in the Universalist denomination, preaching for forty-five years. His principal locations were Fort Plain, Auburn, Scipio and Clarendon, N.Y.; Springfield, Ill.; Rochester, Minn.; Grand Rapids and Tecumseh, Michigan and Longmont, Colorado.

Mr. Hayward was widely known in our church a quarter of a century ago. He moved to Colorado in 1874 and entered upon a journalistic career as editor of the *Free Press of Colorado Springs*. In February, 1882, he took charge of the *Longmont Ledger*, of which paper he was editor at the time of his death. Mr. Hayward was the oldest editor in the state and had built up an enviable reputation as an able, consistent and conscientious journalist. "He would allow nothing to go into the paper that a true gentleman or lady would be ashamed to read to others." This is the testimony of his business associate and successor.

The funeral services were held at the Congregational Church on the Tuesday following his death, conducted by Rev H. N. Wilson of Idaho Springs, Rev. R. E. Sykes, pastor of the Universalist Church of Denver, and Rev. C. L. Hyde of Longmont. The officiating clergymen paid feeling tribute to Mr. Hayward's Christian character and his Universalist faith. Mr. Hyde stated that he wished him to say in regard to his belief in Universalism that "it was as firm as it ever was, but above all he was a Christian." Thus has passed away a man of many friends and an old and valuable servant of the cross for nearly half a century. He will be remembered.

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Transcriber's note: In the *Universalist Leader* of 19 Feb 1898, Rev. Thomas J. Sawyer notes that Hayward was born on 5 Jul 1815 and died on 26 Dec 1897.

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