

[Miles, Stephen]

DECEASE OF REV. S. MILES

Br. Miles is dead. On Monday, the 6th, he came to Rochester to visit his son. He retired in the evening, to all appearances as well as usual. But between eleven and twelve o'clock the young man who slept with him was aroused by the struggles and groans of our beloved friend. In a few moments life was extinct. His death was caused most likely by a disease of the heart. His funeral was attended at the Universalist church in this city [Rochester] on the afternoon of Thursday the 8th. The writer of this article preached a discourse on the occasion, from Acts xx:25. Br. C[harles] Hammond assisted in the services.

Br. Miles has preached the glad tidings of salvation for thirty-nine years. He received his Letter of Fellowship from the Western Association [of Universalists] at its session held in New Hartford, N. Y. in 1813. His whole ministry was spent in this State, with the exception of a little more than two years, during which he was pastor of the Universalist society in Ann Arbor, Mi. I am not able to trace his settlements in New York, not possessing the necessary information. At the time of his death he was the pastor of the Society in Gainesville, N. Y.

His afflicted wife [Ann Agate, daughter of William and Mary Agate of Pittsford, NY; his second marriage] has lost an affectionate husband, his children a kind father, the community an honest man, and the cause of Christ, an upright preacher...

Thus, Br. Miles has gone home, having lived on earth sixty-three years.

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