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DEATH OF REV. ALFRED PECK

Our readers will learn by the following announcement, which we copy from the *New Covenant*, that Rev. Alfred Peck has departed life. This will be sad intelligence to large numbers of our friends in various sections of the country, and especially in this State where he labored many years. Our personal acquaintance with Br. Peck was quite limited. He was a good man, and a conscientious Christian, and loved the Gospel he was sent to proclaim, and preached it with great earnestness and zeal. We doubt not that many whose eyes will peruse these lines can date their conversion to Universalism at some period when listening to the sermons of this devoted servant of Christ. Like us all, he had his peculiarities; but he has been a faithful laborer in his Master's vineyard, has accomplished much good in the world, and we cannot doubt will hear in the immortal life the plaudit—"Well done, good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

The following letter from Rev. G. W. Lawrence brings us sad tidings, which very many of our readers will weep to hear. Br. Alfred Peck of Stoughton, Wis. has laid aside his armor at the grave's mouth, and joined the great company of the redeemed in heaven. We cannot realize this sudden providence. It seems but a few weeks since Br. Peck was by our own fireside, in fair health, laying plans for future usefulness, willing to labor and suffer for the cause near his heart. An unanswered letter received from him lies on the table before us: but he is now uplifted to a higher plane of being, to a more enlarged sphere of labor. May God comfort and sustain his bereaved and deeply afflicted family.

Br. Livermore: It becomes my painful duty to announce that our friend and brother, Rev. Alfred Peck of Stoughton, Wis., pastor of the Universalist Society of that village, departed this life on Sunday, the 4th inst., after a severe illness of little more than a week! Br. P. had reached the ripe age of sixty-nine years. Probably for more than half that period, he had toiled in the vineyard of the Lord, a faithful and efficient minister of the Gospel of glad tidings.

He was a native, I think, of Vermont. He had preached in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Iowa, Wisconsin, and perhaps in other States. He removed from La Claire, Iowa, some five or six months since, and took the pastoral charge of the Society in Stoughton. Healthy and vigorous then, in a good degree, he entered upon the discharge of his responsible duties with commendable zeal and earnestness. During his brief ministry at Stoughton, he had secured the fraternal regard of a numerous circle of friends, and had won the confidence and esteem of the public generally... His mind was serene and unclouded, his death peaceful and happy.

To the bereaved wife and children, we tender the consolations of our holy religion, trusting that such *material aid* as they may require will not be withheld from them.

The funeral services were conducted at the Universalist house of worship on Tuesday the 6th inst. Though the day was unpropitious, a large number convened to pay their last respects to departed worth. An excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. L. B. Mason of Racine, from Phillipians i:21, assisted in the services by Rev.'s S. C. Bulkeley and G. W. Lawrence of Janesville. Rev. J. Ward of Fox Lake was also present on the mournful occasion.

The Good Templars, of which order Br. P. was a member, attended the funeral in a body, conducting at the grave their appropriate services and ceremonies.

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