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BERNARD PETERS

Bernard Peters, until four years ago editor and publisher of The Brooklyn Times, died yesterday at his country home, in Marbledale, Litchfield County, Conn., after a lingering illness. The funeral will be held at All Souls' Universalist Church, Brooklyn, at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening, and burial will be in Cyprus [Cypress] Hills Cemetery. Mr. Peters was born in the town of Durkheim, in the Rhine Palatinate, in October, 1827, and came to this country with his father in 1834, settling in Marietta, Ohio. He went into the clothing business in Detroit, and read law during his leisure moments. In 1844 he returned to Marietta, and before he was prepared for admission to the bar decided to enter the Universalist ministry. He studied theology at the Clinton Liberal Institute at Clinton, N.Y., when the Rev. B. [Thomas] J. Sawyer was at the head of that institution, and was ordained in 1852. During the civil war he was pastor of All Souls' Universalist Church in Brooklyn, resigning that pastorate in 1864 to become editor of The Hartford Post. In 1868 Mr. Peters became an editorial writer on The Brooklyn Times, which was founded in 1848 by George C. Bennett. Six months later he obtained a part interest in the paper, and in 1874 he gained complete control, remaining editor until 1895, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he did not fully recover. The present editor of the paper is his son, Thomas P. Peters, and W. C. Bryant and James A. Sperry, his sons-in-law, are the publisher and managing editor. A year ago Mr. Peters went to his country home in Connecticut from his residence, 83 Lee Avenue, Brooklyn.

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