

[Sherburne, James S.]

Death of Rev. James S. Sherburne

On Sunday, April 22d, after a brief illness, Rev. JAMES SHERBURNE, late of Sherburne, N.Y., departed this life at Springfield, Mass., on the 22d ult., aged 76.—The deceased removed to this city with his son, about three weeks since. It was not my privilege to enjoy his acquaintance. Indeed, I was not aware that he had resided in my neighborhood, till I was called upon to attend his funeral. I am informed, however, by his sons, that it was their father's intention to have made my acquaintance at an early day. He had been in the enjoyment of his usual health, I believe, up to Saturday, when he was attacked with apoplexy [a stroke], and continued insensible, but without any apparent suffering, until Sunday, when nature became exhausted, and the spirit calmly took its leave for the regions of the blest.

Although this venerable servant of God was stricken down in a land of strangers, many of our friends would have esteemed it a privilege, had circumstances permitted a more extended notice of the funeral, to have testified their sympathy for the living, and their respect for the dead. As it was, his honor the Mayor, who is a prominent member of my church, was present, and joined in the procession as it wound its way up to our beautiful cemetery, where we deposited the remains of our aged friend. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord;...they...rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

May the consolations of religion be richly enjoyed by those who were thus suddenly called to separate from their revered and only surviving parent. And may they say with the Psalmist:—"When my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up."

J. J. Twiss

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