

[Smith, Moses B.]

DEATH OF REV. M. B. SMITH

Newark, N. [Y]., April 11, 1863

Dr. Sawyer: Our venerable friend and brother in the ministry, Rev. M. B. Smith, who has been a resident of this village for several years past, peacefully fell asleep yesterday morning, after much suffering, from a chronic disease of the heart.

His remains have been taken for interment in the cemetery at Albion, Orleans County [NY] beside those of his first companion. After the return of Mrs. Smith, I will endeavor to furnish a brief account of the leading events of his life and ministry.

A funeral discourse will be delivered, in accordance with arrangements made by the deceased, in the Universalist church in Newark, on Sunday, the 19th inst.

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Deaths. In Newark, N. Y., April 10, Rev. Moses B. Smith, of chronic disease of the heart. He was born in Otsego County August 4th, 1790, married to Mary Gaige October 8th, 1812 and married to Melissa Gaige July 30, 1854. He leaves an only son, residing in Michigan. He studied and commenced the practice of medicine in Cortland County. He was subsequently for several years a practicing physician in Burlington, Otsego Co. He was deeply interested in the subject of theology. At one period of his life he was sorely perplexed with skepticism, and at another with fatalism. When at length his mind found anchorage in the Scriptural doctrine of Universal Grace, he was strongly attracted toward the ministry. He commenced preaching in his own county, I think, in the summer of 1836, and was ordained at the session of the Otsego Association [of Universalists] in August or September, 1837. The writer was present and took a part in the service, and gives these dates from memory, not having access just at present to his files of the *Magazine and Advocate*, so as to consult the record. He subsequently preached in Cedarville and Newport, Herkimer Co. and in Clinton, Oneida Co. He devoted himself principally to the ministry for several years, after giving up his medical practice in Burlington. He was located for a while at Albion, Orleans Co., whence he removed to Newark several years ago, and engaged in the business of a druggist. He was a man of profound thought and upright life, and was highly esteemed in the community. Entering the ministry at middle age, his success was probably never quite equal to his wishes; but his attachment to the profession continued to the end of life; and he frequently supplied the Universalist desk in Newark, in the absence of the pastor, up to the commencement of the present year. A large number of his brethren and friends assembled on Sunday the 19th of April to listen to a discourse by the writer on the occasion.

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