

[Andrews, Anson]

DEATHS.

At Reading, Steuben county, on the morning of the 26th of March, Doctor ANSON ANDREWS, in the 49th year of his age.

It would be impossible for me to give an adequate obituary notice for Dr. Andrews; to say that he was an honest man, an exemplary and consistent Christian, a constant and affectionate husband, a tender father, an unfailing friend, and a benefactor to the poor and distressed, would be but saying what every one already knows who has enjoyed an acquaintance with him. When alive he was loved and respected; and, now dead, lamented by all. The disease which closed his earthly existence was of about three years standing, and for the last year and a half, at times most excruciating; yet he complained not; nor did he murmur at his lot, or impugn the goodness of God in all his trials. In this world he possessed all that was necessary to endear life to him, but he could look forward by the assistance of that blessed faith which he enjoyed, to that better world, where sin, pain and sorrow shall never enter, but where love, joy and peace shall reign triumphant through Jesus Christ our Lord. Dr. Andrews died as he had lived many years, a consistent and well established Universalist, and as he expressed himself in his last days, 'As his bodily strength failed day by day, his faith in a world's salvation increased.'

Our cause in Reading and vicinity owed much to Dr. Andrews for its present standing, for he in sincerity and in truth loved the cause, and therefore was always in his place at the services of the sanctuary, always liberal in its support, and always encouraging others to do their reasonable duty to God and man.

But he has gone to be here no more with us in this world. An affectionate wife, an adopted daughter, together with brothers and a sister, with other connections and friends, are left to mourn his departure. But thank Heaven, they mourn in hope, being confident that what is their earthly loss is his heavenly and eternal gain.

His funeral was attended at his house on the 28th, and the writer discoursed from these words of St. Paul—'And he, being dead, yet speaketh.' Our prayer to the throne of grace is that this affliction may be the means to increase in us all a more spiritual growth in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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