

[Billings, Francis P.]

OBITUARY.

In Buffalo, March 11th, of typhoid pneumonia, Capt. F. P. Billings, aged 55 years. The deceased for many years sailed a vessel on our lakes, and was widely known among commercial men. He was a resident of Buffalo for about forty years, and kept, at the time of his death, the office of a ship broker. He was a man of a kind heart, of noble impulses, and of many excellent traits of character. There never was a more affectionate husband, a more indulgent father or a more faithful friend than Captain F. P. Billings. He was brought up on the sea, was rocked amid its waves, and was sometimes as rough as its storms; but behind this roughness there was a sunny nature out of which there shot bright beams of tenderness and love. He was our neighbor for many years, and we have, times without number, sat at his fireside, feasted at his table, and in all things, shared his kindness and generosity. He was an attendant on our ministry, a liberal supporter of our cause and an honored subscriber to the New Church. We shall hold him forever in affectionate remembrance, and shall not forget his most excellent family in this season of their terrible bereavement. Before a large congregation of sympathising [sic] friends the consolation of the gospel was offered in an address by the friend and pastor of the family.

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