

[Bryant, Ambrose]

DEATHS.

In West Greece, Monroe county, N.Y., on the 9th ult., of inflammation of the lungs, Mr. AMBROSE BRYANT, aged 65 years. Mr. Bryant was, a few years since, a resident of North Norwich, Chenango county, where eight of his children now live, the other four having removed to Wisconsin. It is but just to the deceased to say, as I am credibly informed, that he was one of the foremost in the erection of the Universalist meeting house in Norwich, which when finished he supplied, at his own expense, with a good organ. His home became the home of ministering brethren, till misfortunes compelled him to seek another. In his effort to secure his object, he was attacked with a violent inflammation, which ended in death in some less than two short weeks. It is with pleasure that we state that every attention and kindness was rendered to him and his family by his neighbors, most of whom were orthodox, but all could not save his life. Retaining his reason to the last, he was able to select a Universalist to preach his funeral sermon. On learning this the Congregationalist church was offered to, and accepted by, the mourners, though on Sunday, and when wanted for their own use. And what reflects still higher credit upon them is the fact, that they very generally were present at the funeral. The minister, however, as I was told and believe, attempted to get up a meeting in a school house near by, and kindled a fire for such a purpose, but an independent deacon of his church, at the tolling of the bell, went to the school house, and commanded the Reverend minister to go either to the funeral or home, and he obeyed and went home. Mr. Bryant was universally esteemed, and had done much for the cause of religion. He has left a companion, twelve children, and many friends to mourn his death. The funeral was attended by a large congregation, who listened to the writer on Sunday the 11th ult.

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