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MRS. EDWIN H. CHAPIN
Sudden Death of the Widow of the Late Distinguished Clergyman

The widow of the late Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Chapin, for so many years the most prominent exponent of the Universalist faith in this City, died suddenly at Pigeon Cove, Mass., about 6 o'clock on Friday evening. She left the City on Monday last with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Davison, not only in ordinarily good health, but in unusual spirits, and it was a subject of congratulation with her sons, Mr. Frederick H. Chapin and Dr. Sidney H. Chapin, the one a well-known dry goods dealer in Worth-street and the other physician at Castle Garden, that their mother had completely recovered from the shock of her husband's death, and would be spared to them for many years. When Mr. Frederick H. Chapin arrived at his office, No. 111 Worth-street, yesterday morning, he found upon his desk a telegram from his sister advising him of his mother's death, for the reception of which information a brief note in the morning papers had already prepared him. Dr. Sydney H. Chapin, upon receipt of the intelligence, set out at once for Pigeon Cove to superintend the removal of his mother's remains to this City. The cause of Mrs. Chapin's sudden demise was an apoplectic stroke, which supervened without warning or premonitory symptoms, and was totally unanticipated even by her most intimate friends. She was a strong and healthy woman, with no more *embonpoint* than is usual with ladies of her age, and her habits were rather abstemious. The long illness and final death of Dr. Chapin had taxed her endurance very severely, but she had reacted from the shock and promised a vigorous old age. Mrs. Chapin's maiden name was [Hannah] Newland. She was a native of the city of Utica, N.Y., where she first met Dr. Chapin some 45 years ago. They were married [there] in 1838, and soon after the event Dr. Chapin was called to the responsible post that he occupied with honor for so many years. Energetic but unobtrusive, Mrs. Chapin entered with cordial earnestness into the large schemes of benevolence and philanthropy that engaged her husband in his new field of action, and was at all times his trusted and faithful helper. She bore a leading part in organizing the Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm, and had served as its president for 12 consecutive years when the telegraph announced her sudden death. She was also prominent in the councils of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church of the Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist], and participated actively in all the benevolent schemes of an organization noted for the large humanity of its enterprises. Mrs. Chapin was only 63 years of age. She was a woman of great tenacity of purpose, fine intuition, and exalted moral sense, as well as an indefatigable worker, and will be missed scarcely less in the circle in

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which she moved than was the accomplished scholar and eloquent orator whose noblest schemes and impulses she so ably seconded. Her remains will be brought to this City for interment by the side of those of Rev. Dr. Chapin, and are expected by an early train this morning. The funeral arrangements have not yet been determined upon, but will be announced this afternoon, after consultation of the members of the family with the many friends of the deceased and the dignitaries of the church of which Dr. Chapin was so long pastor.

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