

[Hinman, Miles]

OBITUARY

Died. In Lisle, Broome Co., N.Y., on the 9th of August, Mr. MILES HINMAN, aged 53. The disease which terminated his mortal existence, was a lingering consumption, under which he languished for about four years, and, in addition to his own personal sufferings, witnessed during that period, the death of three beloved daughters [including Clarissa, on 10 Jul 1829, age 15]. Yet he bore these afflictions with much patience and resignation, professing to view them as the well-intentioned chastisements of our heavenly Father, and often expressing the most fervent desire not to repine at what Infinite wisdom and goodness might see fit to put upon him. During the last months of his continuance, he was mostly confined to the house, and all expectations of his recovery were generally relinquished. But though his body was now evidently wasting away, his mind continued strong... In a conversation with the writer of this article, a few weeks previous to his departure, after remarking that in his present situation it seemed to him that to die would be a blessing, he added, "yet I do not want to hurry my heavenly Father—He knows perfectly well how long it is best for me to remain here—and though I think I could rejoice to meet death, yet I hope I shall not be impatient, but be willing to wait my Father's time." In this happy frame of mind he continued to the last, furnishing to all beholders a bright example of christian patience, a striking illustration of the value of true religion, and an ample refutation of the so oft repeated slander, "The hope of a Universalist will fail in the hour of death." Thus in the triumphs of faith he fell asleep in the arms of his Redeemer, without a struggle or a groan.

Agreeably to the request of Mr. H. the funeral services were attended by Rev. N. [Nelson] Doolittle of Berkshire, and the largeness of the congregation who assembled, evidenced that a worthy and valued member of society had been removed. The numerous circle of relations who are called to mourn on this occasion, are invited to seek the balm of consolation for their wounded hearts in that gospel, the belief of which administered so much comfort to their departed friend.

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