

[Hollely, Thomas]

Father Hollely

DIED, in Brooklyn, N.Y., October 18, 1865, Mr. THOMAS HOLLELY, aged 78 years and 21 days.

Mr. Hollely, or "Father Hollely," as he was familiarly called, by those most intimate with him, was born in the township of Barlow, county of Derby, England, September 27, 1792. In religious belief he was first a Methodist, an earnest, fervent and prayerful follower of the Wesleys; but his great intelligence in religious matters, and his enlarged conceptions of the attributes of God, would not let him rest satisfied with the partialistic views of the sect...and he therefore, after the middle age of his life here had passed away...embraced Universalism, accepted its truths, and became an earnest and faithful worker in its behalf. Soon after the organization of the Fourth Universalist Church (Church of the Redeemer), Brooklyn, N.Y., about seven years since, he attached himself to that society and church; and up to the time of his last sickness, which was of about three weeks' duration, was one of the most faithful of its members, never missing a service of the church or a conference meeting, excepted when prevented by absence from the city or sickness....Calmly he passed away—as pleasantly as one "who wraps the drapery of his couch around him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

His funeral was attended from the Church of the Redeemer, October 20th, Rev. G. L. Demarest officiating.

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