

[Mayhew, Philip S.]

Deaths.

In Williamsburg, N.Y., May 20th, 1860, PHILIP S. MAYHEW, in the 63d year of his age. He was a descendant of the celebrated Mayhew family that emigrated to New England in the early history of our country. Br. Mayhew was educated in the orthodox faith, but for more than a quarter of a century he has been a consistent and exemplary Universalist. More than twenty-eight years ago he was induced, though at first very reluctant to comply, by the influence and request of a neighbor and friend, to attend Dr. [Thomas J.] Sawyer's (Orchard-St.) church, New-York city. After service was over and he came out of the church, it is said he walked for several squares by the side of his friend without saying a word. At length his friend broke the silence by asking, "Well, how were you pleased with the preaching?" He rejoined, "Is that the kind of preaching you have there every Sunday?" His friend said that such in substance was the kind of preaching they had there. "Well," he exclaimed, "I never knew there was another man in the world that thought just as I did. I have felt and thought that way for a good part of my life, but this is the first I have ever heard my views and feelings fully expressed."— Mayhew went home and reported the fact, that he had been to a Universalist church—to his wife [Phebe]. She was shocked at the very thought, and told him she had rather he had been brought home dead, than to come with such an announcement. But Philip S. Mayhew, from that hour to the day of his death, remained true to his faith. Ere many years passed away his wife also became a convert, and so long as the family resided in New-York, they attended Dr. Sawyer's church. The wife died some twelve years since. The family removed to Williamsburg about seven years ago, and since then have attended the Universalist church here.— Br. Mayhew leaves a family of seven children to mourn his loss... A few days after his death his funeral was attended by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, his former, and Rev. Mr. [B.] Peters, his recent pastor, and was attended by an immense concourse of people...

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