

[Sadler, Levi]

DEATHS.

In Brockport, N.Y., on the 27th ult., Mr. LEVI SADLER, father of Br. L. L. Sadler of Geneva, aged 66 years. The subject of this notice was possessed of a strong, logical mind, and capable of deep thought, and profound study. He was led in early life by a careful search of the Scriptures, and an examination of popular religious views, to reject the cruel creeds and dogmas of men, and to adopt instead, the glorious doctrine of a world's salvation, through a risen and crucified Redeemer. Possessed of an ardent temperament, and an energetic, independent spirit, he was bold, fearless, uncompromising and zealous in the advocacy and propagation of his sentiments. Through the expressed desire and encouragement of some of the ministering brethren, he was indeed to proclaim in a public manner the glories of God's heavenly grace. Circumstances prevented his devoting himself very fully to the work of the ministry. But he labored sufficiently in this department, to cause the Genesee Association [of Universalists] to think it proper, to set him apart to the work of an evangelist, by solemn ordination. His earthly circumstances, however, prevented his ministering much subsequent to this event. After his son entered the ministry, he was often heard to say, he had cast "his mantle" on his successor, and henceforth should submit the business of the priest's office to his charge. He was an active, enterprising man—and often remarked, that when he should cease to be useful to himself and others, he should [would] desire by some sudden visitation of Providence, to be taken to his home in heaven, in preference to a continuance on earth, a burthen to himself and others. He witnessed much hard fortune in life, which he bore with heroic fortitude and Christian resignation—and at last, when his work was done, and life had lost its charms, agreeably to his wishes, he was visited with the apoplexy, which terminated his mortal career.

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