

[Saunders, Solomon]

MR. SOLOMON SAUNDERS

DIED, in Danube, December 19, 1865, Mr. SOLOMON SAUNDERS, aged 88 years, 9 months and 17 days.

Mr. S. was a man of marked character and native ability. He was blessed with a remarkably strong constitution, with a frame firmly knit, tall, erect, dignified and venerable in appearance as he was in fact. As a husband he was always devoted; as a father, indulgent, prudent and full of love; as a neighbor he was highly esteemed; as a citizen, faithful, true and useful, beloved by all who knew him... His counsel was ever sought, and his hand of charity was ever open and warm...

His religious views were liberal; he was an intelligent, practical Universalist. The doctrine which was the joy of his heart and life moulded him into goodness and usefulness... He was a living contradiction to the slanderous saying and opinion that a Universalist cannot be a Christian. He was a Universalist when it cost something to be one—when there were but few books containing our sentiments, and but few thinking men. He stood manfully up before the scowl of bigotry and persecution, and lived to see the harsher doctrines fade away, and the sentiment of God's impartial grace grow with great favor in the public mind. He helped to build the church at Ford's Bush, and was liberal in the support of public worship, and his venerable form was always seen in the congregation, as a benediction to the preacher—when he was able to be out. He met death willingly and calmly. The writer administered the consolations of truth to our friend, using the appropriate words of the Apostle: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

H. H. B.

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