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ICHABOD THAYER.

At the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. O. Babbitt, in Corry, Pa., Jan. 25, Ichabod Thayer passed into the other life. In his death we all feel a loss, for he was widely known and highly respected, not only in Westfield where he made it his home, but in Sherman where he had relatives and many friends.

Mr. Thayer was a lineal descendant of Thomas Thayer, who emigrated to this country from Essex County, England, in 1630, and settled at South Braintree, Mass. He was born at Milford, in the same State, and stands in the eighth generation from Thomas Thayer, his ancestor. Two hundred and fifty years have elapsed since his ancestors came to this country. At the age of seventeen years he moved with his step-father, Capt. R. A. Corbett, from Milford, Mass. to Chautauqua County, N.Y., and has resided in the county for the space of sixty-three years. On Feb. 28, 1835, Mr. Thayer was married to Fidelia Ladue, who now survives him at the age of 69 years. At the date of his death they had been married 52 years, 11 months and two days. Five children were born of the marriage—two daughters and three sons—Mrs. C. O. Babbitt, of Corry, Pa., Mrs. B. Fenner, of Westfield, Frank and J. L. Thayer, prominent business men of Sherman, and A. M. Thayer, of St. Louis, Mo., Judge of the Eastern District of Missouri.

Mr. Thayer was a man of strong religious faith, which was a great help to him in his last days. To him there was no death: what seemed so was transition. Thus he patiently waited for the summons to come—ready to go, though willing to remain with those to whom he had devoted his life's strength. Religion to him was more than a profession. From the time he joined the Universalist church in this place in 1852, to the day of his death, it was his ambition to embody in his daily life the precepts of the Christian religion, and follow in the footsteps of his Master. In his death the church loses a strong support, the community an honored citizen, and his family a loving husband and father.

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