

[Van Nostrand, Norman]

Biographical Record

Norman Van Nostrand, Esq., died in Ridgewood, Long Island, March 13 [1868], aged 52. Many years ago he attached himself to the Society worshipping in Orchard Street, New York, under the charge of Dr. [Thomas J.] Sawyer, and he retained his interest in the faith to the last of his life. For several years he had resided in Ridgewood, and was a constant worshipper with the Society in Williamsburgh. Wherever his labor was needed and demanded, he was ready to work. The New York Convention has often commanded his services in prominent positions, and has never had reason to regret its confidence. For many years he had been the business agent of the *Ambassador*, and all who have had business relations with him in that capacity, bear testimony to his urbanity and uprightness. Of resolute probity, pure life and great tenderness of heart, he was a true man, faithful to every duty, and an earnest Christian Universalist.

He died as he had lived. His last moments were peaceful. As it was the Lord's will, he was ready to go. In his early life, Universalism had been to him no speculation, but a solid reality. It was nothing less to him in his last hours.

*The Universalist Companion*, Boston MA, 1869, pp. 82-3

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