

THE OBITUARY RECORD.

Prof. Peter H. Vander Weyde.

Peter H. Vander Weyde, the scientist, died yesterday morning at his home, 82 Clinton Place. He had been ill for several days. He was eighty-two years old.

Prof. Vander Weyde was born in Nymegen, Holland. He was a descendant of Walter Vander Vogel Weyde, the famous troubadour of the fourteenth century. Another ancestor was Roger Vander Weyde, the celebrated Dutch painter. The family emigrated from Germany to Holland at the time of the Reformation.

Prof. Vander Weyde studied at Durlpford and was graduated from the Royal Academy at Delft. He was a scientific writer and teacher in Holland, and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at the Government School of Design. In 1842 he founded a journal devoted to mathematics and physics, and in 1845 received a gold medal from the Society for the Promotion of Scientific Knowledge for a textbook on natural philosophy. At the same time he was the editor of a liberal daily paper which waged vigorous warfare against existing abuses in the Government.

He came to New-York in 1849. He studied and was graduated from the New-York University Medical College in 1856, and practiced medicine until 1859. In that year he was appointed Professor of Physics, Chemistry, and Higher Mathematics at the Cooper Institute. He was also Professor of Chemistry in the New-York Medical College.

The chair of Industrial Science was expressly created for him in 1864 at Girard College, Philadelphia. He resigned this professorship a few years later, and, returning to New-York, became editor of The Manufacturer and Builder, a scientific journal. He contributed many articles of a scientific nature to Appleton's New American Cyclopedia, of which he was an editor.

As an inventor and electrician he had a wide reputation. He had over 200 patents on inventions of his own, mostly electrical.

Prof. Vander Weyde was also noted as a musician and composer, and was a painter of considerable merit. For twenty years he was organist of the First Dutch Reformed Church in Brooklyn. His writings for the scientific press have been extensive, and within a week of his death he wrote and completed an article on modern electricity for one of the New-York scientific journals. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

Martin Van Buren Edgerly.

Col. Martin Van Buren Edgerly, President of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, died at a hotel in this city yesterday morning.

He went to Fortress Monroe, Va., with his daughter, Miss Belle Edgerly, on Feb. 18, intending to stay there a month. He returned, however, on March 4, on an Old Dominion Line steamer. On the voyage he caught cold, and an abscess formed in his right ear.

The malady became so serious that he was unable to go to his home on the arrival of the steamer. His daughter is seriously ill at the hotel in which he died.

He was one of the best-known insurance men in this country, and one of the leading men in that business in the State of Massachusetts. His interests, which were immense, were not confined, however to the insurance business.

He was the President of the newly-formed Hampden Loan and Improvement Company of Springfield, Mass., President of the Des Moines, Kansas City and Arcola Railroad, and a Director of the Boston and Marine Railroad, and in the work of reorganizing the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé property he served on what was known as the Protective Committee.

He was born Sept. 26, 1833, and began his career in the insurance business in Pittsfield, N. H., in 1859. Four years later he moved to Manchester, and was so successful as an insurance agent that in 1863 he was made General Superintendent of Agencies for the Massachusetts Mutual. He became a Director of the company in 1882, Second Vice President in 1884, Vice President in 1885, and President in 1886. Under his management as President the company has made great strides. He was a Democrat, and in New-Hampshire he ran as a candidate for Governor in 1882.

He was three times a delegate to national conventions, and has been otherwise honored by his party. In this city he had declined to enter actively into politics, but had served as a member of the Fire and Sinking Fund Commissions. He was chosen President of the Nyasset Club when it was formed.

His son, Clinton L. Edgerly, is the up-town agent in this city of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. His wife died last August. His estate is estimated at \$500,000.

Darwin G. Eaton.

Prof. Darwin G. Eaton, for years attached to the Packer Institute, died at his home, 55 Pineapple Street, Brooklyn, Sunday. He was taken ill last November.

He was born in Portland, N. Y., March 6, 1822, and was a descendant of Jonas Eaton, who came to this country from Wales in 1640. He worked on a farm, and in the winter taught school. He entered the State Normal School at Albany in 1845, and was selected by Daniel P. Page, the Principal, to assist Prof. Albert D. Wright in conducting a number of teachers' institutes. He was shortly after appointed a teacher in the Normal School, and was graduated on March 10, 1846, but continued to teach physiology there until 1851, when he accepted a professorship in the Brooklyn Female Academy, which subsequently became the Packer Collegiate Institute. He retired in 1883, owing to ill health.

When Dr. Alonzo Crittenden, President of the institution died, Prof. Eaton was elected as his successor. He was also Professor of Chemistry in the Long Island College Hospital, and received from that institution the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1864. Astronomy was his favorite study.

After leaving the Packer Institute, he devoted his time to the Brooklyn Institute, being a member of its counsel and President of the department of geology. In 1835 he visited the Sandwich Islands, and gave much time to the study of volcanoes. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Hamilton College in 1850, and in 1870 the same college honored him with the degree of Master of Philosophy. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was an Elder in the Second Presbyterian Church in Remsen Street, and was a Director in the Brooklyn City Bible Society, the City Mission and Tract Society, and a member of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

He was also a member of the Hamilton Club and a Trustee of Packer Institute.

He leaves a wife. The funeral will take place from the Second Presbyterian Church tomorrow at 4 P. M. The Rev. Dr. John Fox, the pastor, will officiate.

OBITUARY NOTES.

—Ex-Mayor Conn. Jackson Bentley of New-London, Conn., died yesterday, after a short illness of pneumonia, contracted on a recent business trip to Florida. He was

born in Norwich, Conn., in 1827, his father being the Rev. David N. Bentley, a Methodist preacher. When a young man Mr. Bentley was a sailor. He became a member of the ship brokerage firm of Bentley, Gildersleeve & Co., in West Street, this city, in 1858, and made a competency. From 1867 to 1880 he lived in Jacksonville, Fla., where he had large lumber interests. He was an Alderman in Jacksonville and Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction. He went to New-London in 1880. He served in the Legislature, was Senior Alderman and Acting Mayor, and up to last November was Mayor of the city.

—William R. Clarkson, who died Sunday at Plainfield, was for many years prominent in the flour trade in this city, doing business at 5 South Street, in the firm of Lang & Clarkson, and afterward in the firm of W. R. Clarkson & Co. About three years ago he retired from business, when his partner, Amos Stratton, reorganized the firm into Warren & Stratton. Mr. Clarkson enjoyed the esteem of the trade. He had especially the good will of young merchants in his line, whom he habitually encouraged with orders. He was seventy-four years old. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Plainfield.

—Oscar Goerke of Goerke Brothers, dry goods merchant in the Eastern District of Brooklyn, died at his home, at 234 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday night, of apoplexy. He had returned from a European trip on Saturday. He was born in Germany forty-seven years ago, and came to this country when but two years old. He was a member of the Quaker Church at Lafayette and Washington Avenues. He leaves a wife and seven children. The funeral will take on Wednesday, and the interment will be in the Quaker Cemetery in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. He had been a successful business man and a devout Christian.

—Amos Townsend, ex-Congressman from the Twenty-first District in Ohio, died in St. Augustine, Fla., yesterday. He was a descendant of Quakers who settled in Germantown, Penn., in the time of William Penn, and took a prominent part in the Revolution. He was born near Pittsburg about 1821. He went to Cleveland in 1858, and became prominently identified with the business interests of that city. He was elected to Congress in 1876, 1878, and 1880.

—Mrs. Fidelity Elliott, a leader in the woman's suffrage movement in Wyoming, died in Cheyenne yesterday. She was a shrewd political worker, and served frequently as delegate to County and State Conventions. During the last campaign, as President of the Woman's Republican Club, she traveled through the State, doing effective campaign work. She was a public speaker of ability, and wielded considerable influence in politics.

—Henry McArdle, an old resident of the Fifth Ward, died on Sunday. He came from Ireland when a youth, and settled at 31 North Moore Street. For many years he was in the livery business, and later he was interested in many real estate transactions. He leaves a wife, two sons, and two daughters. Funeral services will be held to-morrow, in St. Alphonsus's Church, in South Fifth Avenue.

—H. M. Baldrige, a foremost Central Pennsylvania lawyer, and a candidate for Judge in Blair County last year, dropped dead in Hollidaysburg, Penn., yesterday. The cause of death is ascribed to over-exertion in the argument of a case before the Supreme Court in Philadelphia two weeks ago. He was fifty-one years old. His son, H. H. Baldrige, is County Solicitor in Omaha, Neb.

—Edward Payson Tibbals died at his home, 111 Pierpont Street, Brooklyn, on Sunday, from spinal trouble. He was born in Milford, Conn., sixty-one years ago, and had resided in Brooklyn for twenty years. He retired a few years ago from the wholesale hat and fur business. He had been for ten years an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, in Henry Street. He leaves a wife.

—Ambrose A. Winters, President of the Ohio State League of Building and Loan Associations, and General Manager of the Mutual Home and Savings Association, the largest organization of the kind in the United States, died yesterday in Dayton, Ohio. He was also an attorney of recognized ability. He was forty-seven years old. He was quite wealthy, and leaves a wife and two children.

—John E. Stevens, one of the founders of St. James's Methodist Episcopal Church of Elizabeth, N. J., and for more than forty years actively connected with the Methodist Book Concern, in New-York City, is dead. He was a native of Newbury, Vt., and lived thirty-three years in Elizabeth. He was born in 1831. He leave a wife and one son.

—Francis McCauley, janitor for years of Grand Army Hall, in Elizabeth, N. J., a gallant veteran of the rebellion, and one of the founders of Judson Kilpatrick Post, died last evening of pneumonia. He was sixty years old. He leaves two sons.

—Elmer W. Brigham died in Binghamton, N. Y., yesterday. He was for over forty years Court Crier, and during that period was absent from his duties only two days. He was born in Worcester, Mass. He was eighty-six years old.