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Death of Rev. W. W. Norton

On Friday, January 3, Rev. W. W. Norton died at his home in this city after a brief illness. Mr. Norton was born at Great Valley, Cattaraugus county, New York, in 1822. He was enabled when young to gratify his inclination for study and chose the ministry for his life work. He preached in the state of New York until the year 1864 when he was commissioned chaplain of the 154th regiment of New York Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. Upon coming to the west in '65 he located at New Richmond, Wis., and took charge of a church in that place. Later he went to Alexandria, this state, where he preached until he came to Northfield in 1886. While here he had no regular charge but he was engaged in preaching in neighboring towns a greater part of the time. Mr. Norton was editor of the Northfield Independent during its first year and his editorial work attracted much attention from his readers and fellow workers throughout the State, being strong, manly, and written with that spirit of fairness and good will which marked him as a man who practiced what he preached and believed that Christianity could be taught by example as well as by sermons. The funeral services were held at his late home Sunday afternoon and were conducted by Prof. A. H. Pearson and Pres. J. W. Strong. The burial took place on Monday and was attended by comrades from Heywood Post G. A. R. of which Mr. Norton was chaplain at the time of his death.

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Death of Mrs. Fannie B. Norton.

The many friends and old acquaintances of Mrs. Fannie B. Norton, a former resident of Northfield, will be surprised to learn of her death which occurred in Claremont, Cal., May 11, 1901. Mrs. Norton was the mother of A. W. Norton of this city, and was in the 82nd year of her age.

Fannie Beach McCoy spent the early years of her life in Graet Valley, N. Y., where she was married in 1844 to Rev. Wm. W. Norton. The family moved to Northfield from Richmond, Wis., at the close of the war, thence to Alexandria, Minn., where Mr. Norton was pastor of the Congregational church five years. They moved to Northfield in 1855, continuing a residence here until 1900 when Mrs. Norton and her daughter, Miss Annabel, removed to Claremont, Cal., where they lived until the death of Mrs. Norton. She is survived by five children, Mrs. O. G. Beach, of Dowagiac, Mich.; Rev. S. A. Norton, of San Diego, Cal.; Prof. E. C. Norton, of Claremont, Cal.; Miss Annabel Norton, Claremont, Cal.; and A. W. Norton of this city.

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