

DEATH OF SAMUEL G. WYMAN.

A Career Distinguished by Business Success and Large-Hearted Charity.

[Reported for the Baltimore Sun.]

Mr. Samuel G. Wyman, an old and highly-respectable citizen, died suddenly at three o'clock yesterday morning of heart disease, at his residence, No. 97 Park avenue, aged 74 years. He was apparently in the best of health Monday, and attended to his business with the regularity and system which marked every action of his life. At night he entertained a number of his friends, and about eleven o'clock retired to his room. Shortly after, some lady relatives of his who resided with him were summoned to his chamber, and found him complaining of a heavy, smothering sensation in the chest. Dr. A. H. Powell was sent for, and arrived soon after. He diagnosed the case as angina pectoris, and prescribed remedies, which afforded Mr. Wyman relief. He spoke cheerfully about his condition, and about two o'clock in the morning turned over on his side to sleep. He seemed to be resting quietly, and apparently over the attack, when the heart spasm again recurred, and fifteen minutes later he died, passing calmly away.

Samuel G. Wyman was born at Roxbury, Massachusetts, March 11, 1809, and would have been seventy-four years of age next Sunday, had he lived. He came to this city in 1826, when seventeen years old, and entered the dry goods house of Tiffany, Wyman & Co., of which his uncle, Samuel Wyman, was a member. The firm was changed to Cobb, Wyman & Co., and then the deceased became a member. He was twenty-one years old then. Some years after he and his uncle established the firm of W. & S. Wyman, dry goods merchants, which was subsequently merged into the firm of Wyman, Appleton & Co. In 1846 he went to Europe and remained two years. On his return to this country he did not take a very active part in business, but continued, however, as a member of the firm of Wyman, Byrd & Co. until January, 1882, when he retired. He greatly increased his fortune by judicious investments in real estate in Eastern cities.

In early life Mr. Wyman married a daughter of Col. Ottoway Byrd, of Virginia. Mrs. Wyman died eighteen months ago. Mr. Wyman left no children. He has six nephews and six nieces alive. Two of the former are Messrs. William Keyser and H. Irvine Keyser. He was a vestryman of Grace P. E. Church, a delegate to the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, trustee of the Church Home, manager of Christ Church Orphan Asylum, trustee of St. James's College, Washington county, Md., director of the Academy of Music, besides holding various other positions of honor and trust. It is understood that his residence, No. 97 Park avenue, which is one of the handsomest in the city, will be given to Grace P. E. Church, according to the wishes expressed by Mr. Wyman during life.

Mr. Wyman was a warm friend of the South and showed it in such a substantial manner as will cause his name to be affectionately remembered. After the war he aided with lavish hand the impoverished Protestant Episcopal churches of Virginia. When the Society for the Education of Southern Girls, orphaned or impoverished by the war, was formed, Mr. and Mrs. Wyman were among the most active members, and Mr. Wyman was the largest contributor. When the organization had dwindled to insignificant numbers, Mr. Wyman continued the work, and did not abandon it until the day he died. There are now more than forty children in educational institutions of Maryland and Virginia for whom he provided. A marked feature of his charity was the quiet and unobtrusive manner in which it was extended. His fortune was ample, and it is thought that he must have spent as much as \$40,000 a year in works of charity. He usually spent his summers near Quincy, Massachusetts. He was noted for his generous and graceful hospitality, and took much delight in entertaining his friends. Though Mr. Wyman's name is associated with the dry goods trade of Baltimore as a representative merchant, it was by his private life and character, it was by his private life and character as a good citizen, generous benefactor and Christian gentleman that his memory will be cherished by those who knew him.