

## OBITUARY.

### **Laurent Clerc, the Instructor of Deaf Mutes.**

LAURENT CLERC, for more than fifty years prominently identified with the cause of deaf-mute instruction, died at his residence in Hartford, Conn., yesterday, aged 83 years. He was a native of La Balme, near Lyons, France. A deaf mute himself from infancy, and a pupil of the Abbé SICARD, he came to Hartford in 1816, at the request of the late Mr. GALLAUDET, and became in 1817 a teacher in the American Asylum at Hartford, the first institution for deaf mutes established in this country. His ability, zeal and graces of character made him always respected and beloved. In 1858 he retired from active duty on a pension. The funeral services will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday next.

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