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Biography

CYRUS AUGUSTUS BARTOL 30 April 1813-16 December 1900), Unitarian preacher and writer, was born and grew up in Freeport, Maine. After his graduation from Bowdoin College in 1832, he attended the Harvard Divinity School, receiving his degree three years later. Following a year's apprentice preaching in Cincinnati, Bartol succeeded the Reverend Charles Lowell (James Russell Lowell's father) at the historic West Church in Boston. Although Bartol was early attracted to the Transcendentalists, he came to dislike their radical ways and was himself always known for taking mediatory positions. He contributed to many religious journals, including the *Christian Examiner* and the *Unitarian Review*. A friend of many of the great men of the time, Bartol either reviewed their books or gave recollections of them in his published writings. In addition to numerous religious pamphlets, he published funeral sermons of Bronson Alcott, Emerson, Edward Everett, James T. Fields, Theodore Parker, Charles Sumner, and Daniel Webster; gave his opinions of contemporaries in *Principles and Portraits* (Boston: Roberts Brothers, 1880); and stated his religious views in *Discourses on the Christian Spirit and Life* (Boston: Crosby,Nichols, 1850) and *Radical Problems* (Boston: Roberts Brothers, 1872).