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PROFESSOR ASAPH HALL, one of the most noted of American astronomers, died on November 22 at the home of his son, Professor Angelo Hall, at Annapolis, Maryland, and was buried at Goshen, Connecticut, in the family cemetery on November 25.

Asaph Hall was born in Goshen, Conn., October 15, 1829. His ancestors were among the early English settlers of New England and their names appear in the records of the colonial wars and of the revolution. His grandfather, Asaph Hall, was a captain of the company organized at Cornwall, Conn., which assisted in the defense of Ticonderoga. His father, Asaph Hall, married Hannah Palmer, of Goshen, Conn., and Professor Asaph Hall, who has just died, was the eldest of six children by this marriage.

He received such early education as the youth of his time had access to at the country school and at Norfolk Academy and, after he had become of age, attended college at McGrawville, N. Y. There he met Angeline Stickney, a student and teacher of mathematics at that college, whom he subsequently married and who, throughout her life, gave herself devotedly to him and to his scientific work. Professor Hall's choice of astronomy was largely due to her suggestion and she was the first perhaps to recognize his unusual mathematical ability. After their marriage, they went to Ann Arbor, Mich., where Mr. Hall studied under Brünnow, the well-known