

[Gowdy, James]

DEATHS.

In Western, Oneida county, on the 24th of March, of consumption, Rev. JAMES GOWDY, of Pompey, in the 67th year of his age. Father G. in early life became a worthy member of the Calvinist Baptist church, and was seventeen years a preacher of that limited faith; but being convinced by diligent search of the truth of Universalism, he embraced it with his usual ardor and intelligence. He soon after requested, and was granted, a letter of fellowship from the Western Association of Universalists at New-Hartford [NY] in June, 1812, and until his death remained a zealous advocate of that faith.—The happifying influence of his belief was exhibited in his life and in his last illness, which was borne with Christian fortitude and patient resignation. He looked on death as a messenger from heaven, to conduct him to mansions of bliss. He has left a worthy aged companion and several children, together with a large circle of relations and friends to mourn his departure.

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