

[Marsh, Martha Jane]

DEATH OF MRS. MARTHA JANE MARSH

Newburgh, N. Y., Nov 23d, 1859

Br. Austin:¹ - We have met with a sad bereavement, in the removal by death from our little circle, of Mrs. Martha Jane Marsh, in the 41st year of her age. She was a woman of rare moral excellence, which exemplified itself more in deeds than in words. No suffering mortal ever left her door cold or hungry. She was formerly connected with the Baptists, but since we had been preaching here, she took great interest in our efforts to establish Universalism in this place. But she is taken from us in the midst of her usefulness, and we humbly bow in meek submission to the will of our Father in heaven. She suffered a most painful illness of some eight months' duration, without a murmur or complaint, and on the 5th day of November, death came to her relief, and she passed away to realms of bliss.

Rev. W. B. Cook² was fortunately here and preached her funeral sermon, from Isaiah XL:8—"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever." The discourse was listened to with marked attention by a large concourse of people.

D. R. F.

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¹ Rev. John Mather Austin, Editor of the *Christian Ambassador* from 1851-1862

² Rev. William B. Cook, son of Lyman and Mary (Norton) Cook and brother of Rev. James M. Cook, was their pastor.