[Babcock, John]

ANOTHER BROTHER IN THE MINISTRY NUMBERED WITH THE DEAD

[Deaths.] In Volney, Oswego co., N. Y. on the 8th of May last, Rev. JOHN BABCOCK, aged about 76 years. Through a long life Br. B. had usually enjoyed good health, and after an illness of 26 days, endured with patient submission to the divine will, he took his departure to his "long home." He was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, and was a very respectable preacher among the Open Communion Baptists during about thirty years of his life. But having, like Peter, received an increase of faith, which satisfied him "that God is no respecter of persons"—and being found worthy, he was taken into the Fellowship of the Black River Association of Universalists in June, 1833. Since that time he has continued in the faith and practice of the Gospel, occasionally preaching the word of life and salvation, joyfully anticipating the time of deliverance from earthly cares and toils, and looking forward to his admission into that habitation of God which is "eternal in the heavens." He left a companion and 8 children to mourn their loss... His funeral was attended, and the consolations of the Gospel administered by O[liver] Wilcox.

May grace, mercy and peace be with all who mourn.

P. M. [Rev. Pitt Morse]

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