

[Babcock, Worden]

DEATHS.

In Scipio, N.Y., Feb. 24th, 1851, Mr. WORDEN BABCOCK, aged 79 years, 11 months and 24 days. Until about a week previous to his death, father Babcock enjoyed a good degree of health, and exhibited a strong and vigorous intellect, for one of his advanced age. He had long been a believer in the doctrine of impartial grace and salvation, upon which his life and conduct formed a beautiful and consistent commentary. As a citizen, he was upright and faithful; as a neighbor, obliging and peaceable; as a husband and father, affectionate and kind.

In the formation of the Universalist Society in Scipio, and through all the struggles incident to its establishment, the deceased acted a prominent part and bore his full share. And down to the time of his departure, he was faithful in his attendance at church, and liberal in his support of the ministry of Universal Reconciliation. To him, the worship of God was no irksome task, nor was the Sabbath an unwelcome and unprofitable day. But, with a calm and rational delight, he engaged in the devotional exercises of the sanctuary; and in the use of the ordinary, yet divinely appointed means of grace, and spiritual improvements, he arose to sweet and holy communion with the Father of spirits. God grant that the mantle of his devotion may fall upon many a Christian professor [i.e. one who professes].

In his death, the society has lost one of its most devoted and faithful members, the community a good citizen, and his family a much esteemed and beloved father and friend. May his aged companion and other bereaved relatives, be comforted with the divine consolations of the gospel.

His funeral was attended on the 27th ult., and a discourse delivered by the writer, from Job v:26.

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