

[Bartle, Chloe Hicks]

DEATHS.

In Newark, N.Y., March 7, Mrs. CHLOE BARTLE, aged 83 years. Mother Bartle bore her long and painful illness with christian fortitude and patience. Though she felt that "to die is to gain," and though she prayed that the time of her departure might soon come, yet she was willing to wait God's time. Mrs. B. and her husband [Andrew], who is still with us, were emphatically "Bible Universalists." It is now nearly half a century since they became such. Educated and instructed in the Presbyterian faith, it was long after they believed the glorious doctrine of "the restitution of all things," that they could bring their minds openly to proclaim its truth. They went to the Scriptures to search for truth, but not with the least expectation of finding Universalism there; in fact they hated the very name of Universalism.—So prejudiced were they, and so much was popular opinion arrayed against this doctrine, that it was more than a year after each had come to believe in its truth, that they even divulged it to the other.—As Father Bartle says, "we were each afraid to tell the other, lest it should create ill feelings and hatred." Having received this faith into good and honest hearts, they have steadily kept it, through good report and through evil report—through darkness and through sunshine—amid all opposition and discouragements, and it was the consolation and comfort of our aged friend in her last illness. She has gone to realize the joys that she so firmly believed awaited her.

C. A. S. [Charles A. Skinner]

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