

[Birdsall, Benjamin]

DEATHS

Mr. BENJAMIN BIRDSALL, after a long and painful illness, died at his residence near Sidney Corners, Delaware co., N.Y., on the 12th inst., in the 80th year of his age. He leaves an aged widow, and a large circle of relatives and friends, who, while they regret his removal from their society, rejoice that the tortures which racked [wracked] his physical frame, can have no more dominion over him.—He was an open hearted and decided Universalist. That his faith remained “steadfast, immovable” is proven by his last words, requesting that his funeral might be attended by a Universalist clergyman. The consolations of the Gospel of Universal Redemption, and of ultimately a happy reunion and recognition, were tendered to the bereaved family by the writer, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Corey, pastor of the Baptist Church. May the bright hopes and the sure promises of the Gospel of free grace comfort all that mourn.

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