

[Brooks, Esther E.]

DEATHS.

In Phoenix, Oswego county, September 10th, after a brief but severe illness, Miss ESTHER E. BROOKS, aged 26 years and 9 months. That Miss Brooks was one of the excellent of the earth is proved by the united testimony of all who knew her—and the many tears shed over her lifeless remains by her neighbors and acquaintances, showed that she held a place in the warm affections of their hearts. It was her happiness to entertain an undoubting faith in the doctrine of God's impartial grace, by which while in health she was strengthened and qualified for the discharge of her many duties, and on a sick bed with a prospect of certain death before her she was enabled to triumph and rejoice "with joy unspeakable and full of glory." Only a little previous to the hour of dissolution, and when all expectation of recovery was gone, she declared to her friends that she was willing to depart, and entertained no doubt but that she should [would] meet all her friends in the bright realms of eternal day.

To show how dearly she loved her religion, and how much she delighted to worship in God's sanctuary, it may not be improper to mention in this place, that several years since, in the depth of winter, she in company with a sister, actually walked from her father's house to Fulton (a distance of 10 miles) and home again, for the purpose of hearing Br. Dolphus Skinner preach an evening discourse. What a lesson does this circumstance afford, for some professors of Universalism, who can scarcely be induced to go ten rods (much less ten miles) to listen to the proclamation of the good tidings of great joy? The funeral of Miss Brooks was attended on the 12th, and the usual public services performed by

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