

[Burlingame, Calvin D.]

DEATHS.

[slightly abridged]

In Frankfort, Herkimer co., July 8th, of cholera, Mr. CALVIN D. BURLINGAME of New Haven, Oswego co., N.Y., aged 54 years. Br. Burlingame was a firm and consistent believer in the doctrine of the Restitution, and exemplified his faith therein by deeds of kindness and true christian benevolence, inasmuch that even the most violent opposers of that faith which he loved and cherished, were constrained to admit the uprightness of his character and purity of his life. In a word he was a practical Universalist in all which that term implies. His health had been failing for several months; a few weeks since he left his home in company with his wife for the sea-shore in hopes of benefiting his declining health.— Not receiving the benefit which he had anticipated, he turned toward home with the hope of reaching it, ere his change from a mortal to an immortal existence should come. Arriving at Frankfort on the 7th, he stopped to spend the night with a sister-in-law, intending to reach home the next day. In the morning he was attacked with the cholera, and that evening at about the same time he had expected to reach his earthly habitation, his free spirit winged its way to that upper and better home.... He leaves a wife [Margaret] and three children to mourn his death, an only son now absent in California, besides a large circle of relatives and acquaintances, who truly sympathize with his afflicted family in their bereavement, for none knew him but to love him; yet they mourn not without hope; the gospel of impartial grace is the rock upon which his widowed companion and children rest. It is an "anchor to their souls sure and steadfast." Br. Burlingame was a member of the Universalist Society in Mexico, and though that society have been destitute of preaching ever since their present organization, still his place at the house of worship on each returning Sabbath, when health would permit, was never vacant. His influence and the encouragement of his presence, will be missed indeed, by that little band of believers. We devoutly pray that they, as well as his bereaved family, may be enabled, in this dispensation of Divine Wisdom, to recognize the hand of a God whose name is love....

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