

[Canfield, Lewis]

DEATHS.

In Dansville, on the 31st July, LEWIS CANFIELD, aged 67 years. Br. C. was a native of Granville, Mass. From thence at the age of 22, he emigrated to Green [Greene] county, N.Y. After a few years he removed to Rutland, Vt. From thence he removed to Washington county, N.Y., where eighteen years ago his wife died. Since which time he has resided with his children there and at this place. He has relatives in Massachusetts and Ohio. In early life Br. C. embraced the doctrine of Universalism. For several years before his death, I enjoyed with him a familiar acquaintance, a social friendship, and heartfelt Christian fellowship and affection, which grew more and more strong with the lapse of time. For some years he suffered a tedious affliction—and for eight months past, he has been drawing perceptibly and rapidly to his end. He was very sensible of his approaching change—yet he was perfectly resigned to the will of Heaven; remarkably patient in his severe afflictions, and quite happy in his mind. He rejoiced with the most firm and unshaken confidence in the promises of universal and immortal life beyond this earthly state, contained in the sacred volume. As I was a frequent visitor, I several times had the peculiar satisfaction of hearing him, by my request, relate to a number of bystanders, the candid convictions of his mind, and the refined joys of his heart—always triumphant, without a single exception. A year ago he joined the Universalist society in this place. His example was worthy of imitation—he lived the life, and died the “death of the righteous.” By his request I preached at his funeral on the 1st inst.

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