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## DEATHS.

In East Bloomfield, N.Y., on the 27th ult. [April 27], Mr. *Darius Carter*, aged 59 years, one of the oldest, and at the same time one of the most efficient members of the Universalist society in this town.

Mr. Carter, in an early day, emigrated from the State of Connecticut to this place—and by a course of industry and economy almost without a parallel, he succeeded in accumulating a handsome fortune, of which he was never sparing in the support of a cause which he believed to be a good and righteous one... And though, for want of an opportunity to sustain the true Gospel of universal benevolence, he did for many years support the Presbyterian church, yet he never believed their creed consistent, nor could he ever reconcile the doctrine of endless misery with the boundless and tender mercies of God, and therefore rejected it as unreasonable.

...For a time the few avowed Universalists in this town made it their practice to attend the religious service of our order in the neighboring town, which being observed by Mr. Carter, he inquired of them why they did not attempt to procure preaching of their order in their town, rather than go abroad for it. The reply, if I mistake not, was that could they obtain a preacher, they knew of no suitable place or room in which to hold their meetings. This being the only obstacle in the way of the proposed trial, Mr. Carter generously offered a spacious hall connected with his own dwelling for their use, which was opened, for the first time, to the writer of this notice, on the 28th of June, 1829, and again on the 2d of August, in the same year. Subsequently, the hall was occupied by Br. O. [Oliver] Ackley for one year, once a month.

Like every other person under the influence of true candor and Christian meekness, Mr. Carter only wanted to be informed what Universalism was, in order to embrace and openly defend it. He embraced it with his whole heart, not in theory alone, but in practice also... He was sincerely and understandingly devoted to the religion he had espoused, and though he paid all required attention to the subject, yet he was never known to neglect any thing connected with the true interest and happiness of himself, his family, his friends and neighbors.

This last sickness, which terminated in typhus, it is thought was superinduced by the active part he took and to the exposure to wet and cold to which he subjected himself in forwarding the meeting house now being erected in this place. His illness was not protracted, nor so severe as in hundreds of other instances. He was sensible to the last, and perfectly conscious of his approaching exit, and withal, ready and willing to obey the

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mandate of his Creator, to leave this world of mutation for one not subject to change.

He has left an affectionate family to mourn his loss; but they do not mourn with destitution of hope—for while their loss is temporary and limited, his gain is substantial and enduring.

His funeral services were attended in the Presbyterian church, a very spacious building, which was filled in nearly every part of it, by all the different orders of professors [people of different faiths] in town, thus evincing that respect for the deceased to which his virtues and his worth had so eminently entitled him.

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