

[Coe, John Calvin]

Deaths. At his residence in South Livonia, June 11th, Mr. JOHN C. COE, aged 65 years. The deceased formerly lived in Litchfield, Herkimer co., from which town he moved into Livonia in his early manhood, and there remained until his death, respected for his many excellent virtues. His education was of no inferior rank. He was thorough in everything to which he applied his mental and physical powers. His mind was stored with a vast fund of useful knowledge, which together with his natural urbanity of manners, made him an agreeable guest among the intelligent and refined. He possessed great reasoning powers, and an uncommon memory which made him a terror to his religious opposers, and a most successful defender of his faith, Universalism. This faith he had enjoyed since an early age in life; nor did it forsake him in old age. I inquired of him just before his death, as I sat by his bedside, if his faith remained the same, and he replied with great emphasis, as he looked me in the face, "I see no reason to change my faith." He arranged his temporal affairs—finished his will—and uttered his parting address to the family, with all that calmness and gentle composure which might be expected from one who was rich in Gospel faith, and could give a reason for his hope. His family, his friends, his neighbors, his fellow townsmen, all will feel his loss. But he has gone to his rest. His funeral was attended in the Baptist church, which was kindly offered for the occasion, on Sunday the 13th, when an unusually large concourse of sympathizing neighbors and friends assembled to look for the last time upon that familiar face, and show merited respect to the memory of the deceased and to the mourning survivors. A dispensation of the Gospel was tendered to them by the writer, who was assisted in the services by Br. William Tompkins of Conesus. May the deeply afflicted and much respected family continue to be as they have been in the past, comforted with the same glorious hope that sustained him in life and in death.

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