

[Darrow, Electa Wilcox]

DEATHS.

In Dexter, Jefferson county, July 28th, of consumption, Mrs. ELECTA, consort of Alexander Darrow, and sister of Rev. O. [Oliver] Wilcox [a Universalist], in the 36th year of her age.

In the earlier part of her life she was a member of the Methodist church, and her husband a preacher of that doctrine. Some years ago, she began to examine more closely the doctrines of that church, and found they had no foundation in truth. She finally embraced the Gospel of universal grace, and found "great joy and peace in believing."—She possessed a strong and vigorous mind, and notwithstanding the strenuous efforts that were made by her husband and some of his Partialist comrades, to destroy her confidence in God, by proclaiming to her the doctrines of endless sin and suffering, and fiends—she remained firm and unshaken to the last. Report was very busy in telling of her doubts, and darkness, and unbelief, and a "thousand and one" other stories about Universalists and Universalism, &c. But it so happened that the writer was with her during her last moments, and she frequently told me she had no doubts—that she had made up her mind when well, and that she found it to be the only consolation—that she would not part with it for the world. A short time before her death, she exclaimed with transport, "glory! glory!"—said she, "I am happy! O, you can't tell how happy I am! how pleasant everything looks!" Said I, "Mrs. Darrow, what makes you so happy?" She said she was soon going to dwell with her Saviour—"I am going to see my Father in heaven"

She requested to have the writer preach her funeral sermon, which he did, to a respectable congregation, from Ps. xiv:6. She has left a husband and five small children to lament their loss. God grant to enlighten the mind of the husband, that he may not mourn without hope.

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