

[Dillenbach, Catharine]

DEATHS.

In Danube, Herkimer county, on the 8th inst., Mrs. CATHARINE DILLENBACH, consort of Mr. John Dillenbach, Jr., aged 45 years, 2 months and 21 days—leaving behind her seven children, with a loving husband to lament their loss. Mrs. Dillenbach had been unwell for upwards of two years, during which period, as well as in her last sickness, she was sustained by that “faith which overcometh the world.” She was a Universalist both in theory and practice. She was an obedient wife and an excellent mother. Her children loved her almost beyond measure. She cultivated those virtues, that create esteem, inspire love and command respect. In her heart there existed a flame of heavenly love, which was continually kept burning with a full supply of the oil of charity, benevolence and forgiveness. On the Sunday before her death, she sent for the writer to administer to her weary soul, the rich promises of the Gospel of Christ; and expressed her happiness at hearing on her bed of sorrow, those truths which had been her solace in health, and which she relied on in death. With repeated assurances of her own salvation and that of all the human race, she waited with patience until her change came. On the day of her death, about five minutes ere her spirit fled from its frail and attenuated abode, did she take the narrator by the hand, and desired him to commend her soul “unto God who gave it,” at which she seemed satisfied. Then with a smile of inexpressible satisfaction, with the cold dews of death sitting on her brow, she gave up the ghost.

Her funeral was attended by a vast concourse of people, to whom and to the mourning friends [i.e. family], by particular request of the deceased, a discourse was delivered by Br. J. D. [John] Hicks—text, Luke iv: 3d clause of 18th verse, “He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted”—assisted in the services by Elder Russel of the Baptist persuasion, (who behaved not as Partialist clergy generally do on such occasions,) and by Br. [Alfred C.] Barry and the writer.

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