

[Field, Nathan]

DEATHS.

In Hartwick, N.Y., March 9, NATHAN FIELD, aged 84 years.—Thus has passed away another Father in Israel, and one of the earliest advocates of Universalism in the State of New York. He removed from Rhode Island and settled in the town, and on the farm where he died, 64 years ago this Spring. He assisted in the organization, and became a member and trustee of the first Universalist Society in the State of New-York, which was formed in Hartwick in 1803 or 1804. From that time—nearly half a century—he has remained a firm, unwavering and consistent believer in the ultimate holiness and happiness of all mankind. In him we have an exemplification, not only of the oft-asserted truth, that “Universalism will do to live by,” but also of the oft-demonstrated fact that it is equally good to die by, and a refutation of the opposite assertion. He retained his faculties of mind to the very last. But [only] a few hours before his death, he asserted a number of times, to different individuals, that he had no doubts or fears to trouble him, and had not had [any] for nearly fifty years. May the numerous relatives which he has left behind, be sustained by that hope which is “sure and steadfast.” The funeral services were performed by the writer on the 12th inst., and a sermon delivered from Job xvii. 16, which was selected by the deceased.

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