

[Ford, Anne]

DEATHS.

In Lebanon, April 23d, Mrs. ANNE FORD, age not known. When Universalism was first preached in Lebanon, Mrs. F. was a firm and zealous opponent of the restitution. Her son, Dr. Joseph Smith and his wife, soon found joy and consolation in the cordial embrace of the doctrine.

By the request of Br. F., I made an appointment in the school house in his district, for an evening meeting. I called upon him in the afternoon, and had a little conversation with the old lady. When the time for meeting arrived, the old lady remarked to her husband, that if he would harness the horse, she would go and listen to Mr. Woolley once, that she might be better prepared to judge respecting the doctrine he preached. The request was cheerfully complied with, and, thank God, she did listen.

After meeting, I immediately returned to Br. Ford's, and was the first at the house—the old lady came next. The moment she entered the room she addressed me thus—"Well, Mr. Woolley, Felix said to Paul, I am almost persuaded to be a Christian, and *I* am almost persuaded to be a Universalist. I have said, many times, that I would rather my children would attend a ball on Sunday, than a Universalist meeting. But may God forgive me. It was through ignorance I did it, and I shall never say it again; for if that is Universalism, may we have more of it in the world."

She lived to a good old age, and died in peace. Funeral on the 24th, and discourse by the undersigned.

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