

[Foster, Asa]

DEATHS.

In Flint village, Michigan, on the 20th of May last, Mr. ASA FOSTER, age 53 years, 7 months and 18 days. His complaint was inflammation of the liver. The deceased was converted to Universalism, twenty-one years ago, by the preaching of Elder Puffer AGAINST that doctrine, at a Camp-meeting held in Groton, N.Y. He had joined the Methodist class a few months previously. On the occasion referred to, Elder Puffer abused the Universalists in a manner the most unchristian and cruel; and stated among other absurdities, that Christ sat on the right hand of God, reconciling the Father TO US! At the conclusion of the discourse, Mr. Foster inquired of the preacher whether he meant his words to be understood precisely as they were uttered. Receiving an affirmative reply, Mr. F. said to him—"you may take my name from your class-book—I cannot worship a changeable God; for he may alter his mind, and after all send me to hell!" From this time he became an ardent and devoted Universalist, and adorned his doctrine by a well-ordered life and godly conversation.—By the example of an excellent daily walk, and the power of mighty arguments drawn from the Scriptures, he was an instrument in the hands of God, of converting others to a belief in Jesus, as the Saviour of the world. This sublime faith supported him abundantly in the last trying hour. He died with a smile upon his countenance, without a struggle or a groan. He has left a wife and several children to mourn his departure. May the rich consolations of impartial grace soothe and comfort them in the midst of their afflictions.

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