

[Horton, Charlotte]

DEATHS.
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In Springwater, Livingston co., Feb. 20, Mrs. CHARLOTTE HORTON, wife of Isaiah Horton, after a lingering illness of about two years. During that time her health and strength gradually wasted away, until the month of October last, since which time until her death, she was mostly confined to her room. She was in the 55th year of her age, and had been for a long time a resident of the town of Springwater, where she gained to herself a large circle of friends... Until about the year 1840, she was a member of the Baptist connection, as the writer is informed, at which time the Universalists held a Conference Meeting at this place, which she attended. Such meetings were not very common among us at that time, but nevertheless there was a general attendance... A discourse was preached on the first day of that meeting, by Br. [Gideon S.] Gowdy, to which the deceased listened with marked attention, and which served to break the spell that had previously bound her mind down to a Partialist creed. The clouds of error which had obscured the truths of the Gospel were removed... She then saw a fullness and a beauty in the Gospel which she had never before discovered... Ever since that time she had been a firm believer in the doctrine of a world's salvation, and many times she had been heard to thank God for the influence that led her to attend this meeting... From an intimate acquaintance with the deceased and her family for a number of years past, the writer is enabled to say she was a loving companion, a tender and affectionate mother, and an earnest and devoted christian... She informed the writer a short time before her death, that she had not experienced the least doubt of the truth of the doctrine of Universal Salvation during all her sickness. Her mind was clear and right to the last. She conversed freely upon the subject of her death, and made many of the necessary arrangements for her funeral. Her departure was easy, and without a struggle, and when death had approached so near as to silence her tongue, she called her children to her side, and sweetly folding her arms around her youngest daughter's neck, she smiled and died. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss. Her funeral was attended by a large collection of people and friends, to pay their last tribute of respect to a departing christian.

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