

[Miles, Hollon]

DEATHS.

In Geneva, N.Y. on Saturday, the 16th inst., HOLLON MILES, in the 26th year of his age, son of Rev. Stephen Miles. He was patient and resigned through the progressive stages of the most protracted disease with which we ever knew a mortal to be afflicted. It had not been his privilege to enjoy even tolerable health for several years. Some two years since or more he was brought to the very confines of the grave, but to the joy of his friends [family] was again partially restored. After this time he sent us an article entitled, "Universalism will to do live and die by..." in which he desired to correct the opinion abroad that Universalism will not sustain us in the hour of death. He had himself realized the excellency of his faith most, when all hope of recovery had fled. We extract the following from the article alluded to. "I have not been able to sit up over six or eight hours in a day, and some part of the time not even one, since July last; and yet I remain a firm believer in the final holiness and happiness of the whole human family." All which is stated in this article was fully exemplified in his death, he was as he said, "perfectly willing to go." Br. Miles was no speculative believer; he manifested the spirit of a Christian in his life, and died rejoicing in the expectation of a happy immortality for a ransomed world. May we be enabled to bear as respectful a tribute to the memory of all of "like precious faith!" Our aged Br. Miles and his consort [Polly], who survive their son, although deeply afflicted, yet since it is the will of God, are amply compensated in the reflection, that their son died rejoicing, and that they shall again meet him.

Br. [Rev. Jacob] Chase, by request of the deceased, truly tendered the consolations of the Gospel to the afflicted relatives and friends, at the Universalist church, on Monday last.

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