

[Nelson, Hosea]

DEATHS.

In Litchfield, Herkimer county, on the 4th inst., HOSEA NELSON, Esq., aged 71. Mr. N. had long been a believer in the doctrine of the ultimate salvation and happiness of all mankind. And it would be unnecessary to state that he remained firm and unwavering in this belief to the last, were it not frequently reported that Universalists renounce their belief on their death bed. Mr. N. had been sensible, for many weeks prior to his death, that the time for his departure was at hand. He would often speak of his approaching exit to his family and neighbors, with composure and fearlessness, and was free to converse with all upon the doctrine of Christ's universal triumph over sin and mortality. Feeling a strong friendship and love for his neighbors, he several times invited them to pray in his presence; but the impression was soon carried abroad, from this circumstance, that Mr. N. had become so alarmed about his state, that he was induced to ask his Partialist neighbors to pray for him. I saw him soon after this, and while speaking to me of this circumstance, the tears gushed from his eyes, to think that his neighbors should [would] be so lost to all sense of duty and respect for him, as to even intimate that he had given up what he considered the last, best and most consoling gift that a dying man can enjoy. His funeral was attended at Cedarville, on the 5th inst., by a numerous assembly of sympathizing friends and mourning relatives.

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