

[Pine, Joseph M.]

Death of Joseph M. Pine

BR. AUSTIN:—Another aged Father in our Zion has gone to his long home. He had served his country faithfully in her struggle for freedom, and received therefor a liberal pension from the hands of the government. He had also served his God as vigilantly in the cause of religion, and for which service he received a rich reward. And full of faith, and hope, and filial trust, he died at the house of his daughter near Lakeville, June 29th, aged 89 years. He was one of the excellent of earth—a firm and undoubting believer in the doctrine of the restitution—a doctrine which through a long life he adorned by every christian grace. About twelve years ago, having but a short time before moved here from Springville, this State, he joined our little band of church believers.—And a happier, more devout christian I never saw.—He seemed perfectly at home. He had at last found what his soul had long desired—the fellowship and communion of a Universalist church. He loved the house of God and the worship of the sanctuary. During his protracted sickness, and while in the daily expectation of death, he was the same meek, patient, forbearing christian, waiting, like devout Simeon, trustingly and resignedly for the hour of his departure. The doctrine which he had long cherished and defended with so much zeal while with us, he loved till the day of his death. But it has been falsely asserted, and apparently with a great deal of triumph, that he renounced his faith before he died. Ever since his prostration by disease, it had been his standing request that the writer of this notice should preach his funeral sermon. This request was renewed but a few weeks previous to his death. Accordingly on Sunday, July 4th, I preached a sermon on the life and death of that good and exemplary brother in the Universalist church, at Lakeville, where he had so often met with us, and communed with us, and his sweet voice had so many times and acceptably been heard in prayer and exhortation. I feel his loss deeply. May we all strive to imitate his virtues; be as patient in suffering; as charitable in persecution; as devout in religion; as constant in worship; as zealous in the defence of truth; as hopeful and resigned in death; and consequently as full of the blessings of heaven.

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