

[Proseus, Eliza]

DEATHS.

In Sodus, Wayne county, April 28th, of consumption, Mrs. ELIZA, wife of Joseph Proseus, aged 38 years. During the protracted fanatical excitement, which was kept alive by Millerism, it was stated by ministers in the pulpit, and by laymen in the streets, that Universalism would not do to die by, or go over Niagara Falls with, and that all Universalists renounced their belief on their death beds.—Fruitless attempts were made by a few officious persons to proselyte the deceased during her sickness. They told her that she must renounce Universalism if she wished to die in peace, and if she did not, she would be endlessly miserable. She said her faith had cheered her in the hours of sorrow and affliction, and she felt that it would enable her to triumph over the sting of death, and she could not give it up. Three hours before she died, she requested her husband to send after one or more of those, who tried to persuade her to give up her hope, that she might testify that Universalism was good in a dying hour, “and if I do not see them again,” said she, “tell them I found Universalism good to die by.” Her husband told her that he could not send that evening, but would send early in the morning. “Then,” said she, “it will be too late; for I shall be in heaven singing praises to God and the lamb, with the angelic hosts, before another day dawns upon this earth.”— She requested her funeral sermon to be preached by a Universalist minister, and soon after fell asleep in the arms of her Saviour, like a confiding child in the bosom of its mother. Br. N. [Nelson] Sawyer, of Wolcott, cheerfully obeyed the request, and tendered the consolations of the Gospel to the afflicted mourners and sympathising friends. We would tender our thanks, in behalf of the Universalists of Sodus, to the Episcopalians, for the liberality they exercised in opening their church for us on the above occasion. If any of those who have told that all Universalists renounce their faith on their death beds, should see the above, may they hereafter learn to tell the truth, and “go, and sin no more.”

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