[Scoville, William]

DEATHS.

In Pompey, August 25th, Mr. WILLIAM SCOVILLE, aged 55 years.

Bro. Scoville was a believer in the doctrine of endless misery, the most of his life, but something like a year previous to his death, he became an unwavering believer in the truth taught by all God's "holy prophets since the world began." The friends of his former faith labored hard to convince him that he had embraced a fatal delusion; one in particular (a lady,) said to him, Mr. Scoville, you will not die a Universalist! Well, answered the old man, I don't know that I shall; but I shall consider it a sad misfortune if I should not. Well, Mr. Scoville—will you send for me when you think you are dying? If you die a Universalist, I should [would] like to be a witness. I will if convenient, was the reply. When the time of his departure came, he requested his son-in-law to go for this lady, if in his opinion she could arrive previous to his death. It was not far from midnight when his request was granted; and in a few minutes the individual, who was positive he would renounce his faith, stood in his presence, and heard from that dying man a sermon, (for it was nothing less) that I presume she will never forget while memory performs its office.

The writer of this, attended his funeral on the 27th, and a discourse was given from the following words—"How are the dead raised up, and with what bodies do they come?" By request.

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