

[Skinner, Levi]

DEATHS.

In Cherry Valley, N.Y., Dec 4th, 1839, Mr. LEVI SKINNER, aged nearly 92 years.

Mr. Skinner became a Universalist in 1777, and remained the same for nearly 63 years. Shortly after he came out in the faith of the restitution, he had the happiness to hear that one John Murray had arrived in this country preaching the same.

The steps which he took from his first faith to the latter, were tedious, and often to him fearful. It appears Mr. S. was a man of prayer, and his invocations to Heaven often reached not only to mortals, but even to the damned in hell. This would startle him. He thought it a very great sin to pray for the damned, and yet, for the soul of him, he could not refrain from it. His heart far too merciful for his religion, he could feel no peace nor joy in believing. But by prayer and searching, at length he arrived in Canaan, and the fruits of the land were abundant and satisfying. His theme was the Scriptures, through life—as he drew near to death, his mind was absorbed in the contemplation of what he scripturally termed “that great feast.”

He has gone like a shock of corn fully ripe, and the world has lost another truly good man.

L. C. Marvin

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