

[Smith, Dudley]

DEATHS.

In Galway, Saratoga co., March 1st, at the residence of his son, E. O. Smith, Esq., Maj. DUDLEY SMITH, in the 80th year of his age. Father Smith has long occupied a prominent position in our denomination. He embraced the doctrine of Universalism more than half a century ago while prostrated upon a bed of sickness from which neither his physician, his family, or himself expected that he would ever arise; and from the perusal of the Bible alone. He found it good in the prospect of death—he found it good through many long years, during which time it has maintained, comforted and encouraged him, and he has truly found it good to die by. He clung to it with more zeal as death approached nearer, and was anxious to the last moment of his life to bear testimony to its efficacy in that trying hour.

Father Smith was present at the organization of the New York State Convention [in 1825], and took part as a delegate, in the deliberations on the occasion. But he has endeared himself to us by the provision which he has helped make for the aged, destitute and infirm clergymen of our order. Many of our friends will remember the contribution which he made to the Harsen Fund at the session of the Convention in Hudson, in 1852; and how the tears of joy fell from the old man's eyes when Br. [William S.] Balch thanked him for his generous gift.

But he has gone. The angel of death came and found him ready; and he was gathered in as a shock of corn fully ripe for the harvest. He was a *good man*, and the poor and unfortunate will miss him. Father Smith left a large family, and a numerous circle of relatives and friends who vied with each other in making his last days peaceful and happy. At his request, often and earnestly expressed, a discourse was delivered at his funeral, which took place on the 23d of March, in the Baptist church, by the writer, from I Cor. xv:51.

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