

[Sprague, Sarah]

DEATHS.

In Laona, Chautauque [old spelling] co., on the 2d inst., SARAH, wife of Capt. Benjamin Sprague, aged 72 years. The subject of this notice has through a long and eventful life, sustained a character worthy of the imitation of the living—containing as it did all the elements which tend to make the affectionate mother, the sincere friend, and the devoted christian. For long years she had been a happy believer in the doctrines of Universal Salvation. She first heard the Gospel from the lips of that aged apostle of the Faith, Father [Nathaniel] Stacy—and was one of the large number who can attribute their conversion to the preaching of that tried veteran of the cross. At that time she lived in Otsego co., and thence she removed to this county, when it was yet a wilderness, bearing to her new home the rich treasures of a religious faith, which no trial could extinguish, and no circumstances weaken. Her religion was not one of theory alone, but it went down with its spirit and power into the depths of her heart, stirring the secret fountains of her soul, lifting her up to blessed communion with her God. She was ready at all times to defend her doctrines, and for this she was well qualified, both by her intelligence and her acquaintance with the sacred teachings of the Bible. Well did she fulfill the duties of her mission, and priceless is the legacy of the christian example she has left us... We pray God to give consolation to those who mourn; and we also pray for grace to labor as well in our own Master's vineyard.

W. W. King

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