

[Tanner, Esther Lee]

DEATHS.

In Ridgeway, on the 24th ult., Mrs. ESTHER TANNER, wife of Gen. Tanner, and daughter of the late Judge Lee, aged 34 years. In the death of this excellent woman a husband and four children are left to mourn a loss the world can never repair. She lived the doctrine of God's impartial grace, and died in the unwavering assurance of a world's salvation. Though afflicted several years with much sickness, she manifested great patience, resignation, and fortitude of mind, believing that God would overrule all these afflictions for good. A short time before her death she declared to me, that she did not know how she could endure so much suffering if she were a believer in endless misery. "The doctrine of Universalism," said she, "has been a great comfort to me in my sickness, and for the best of health, I would not be willing to exchange my faith and its consolations for that of a partial salvation."... God only knows what would satisfy the soul in the solemn hour of death, if the prospect of a universal salvation would not! But she has gone, and her memory is embalmed by the remembrance of her worth, in the hearts of all who knew her.

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Her funeral was attended on the 26th ult., by a respectable and attentive congregation, to whom the writer delivered a message of practical religion, and the assurances of a Redeemer's love.

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