

[Wilcox, Philip]

DEATHS.
[Abridged]

In the town of Oxford, October 2d, Mr. PHILIP WILCOX, aged 26 years. Some months previous to his decease, while laboring in a barn, he fell from the upper part to the floor, which so injured him as to make him nearly helpless. He slowly and gradually declined, surviving an almost incredible period. Some years since he embraced the doctrine of the Restitution, which he adorned by a well ordered life. Br. [Nelson] Doolittle was the first person he ever heard publicly promulgate this glorious system, and to him he was much attached. During his last illness he sent for him and requested him to attend his funeral, but unexpectedly he lived until Br. D. had moved to Ohio.

By his request, I several times visited and prayed with him, and he invariably testified to the sustaining power of his faith and his glorious hope for immortality, declaring that he had not a doubt about his own salvation, nor of the happiness of the whole vast family of man beyond the grave...

He was surrounded by kind parents, brothers and sisters, and her who had agreed for life to share his joys and sorrows, and all had been bright and beautiful before him in the pathways of being. Still he was not only willing, but anxious to depart and be with Christ... In youth he uniformly abstained from those amusements in which the young so generally indulge, and he was sober and reflecting, correct in his habits and pure in his actions. And those with whom he was best acquainted and nearest connected, though some of them are of a different faith, testify to his deep and fervent piety.

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Opposers who visited Mr. W. on his death bed, made every exertion in their power to force him to renounce his faith, and it was boastingly said that if they could succeed they would ruin the Universalist society on Oxford. But it was all in vain...

The funeral of Mr. W. was attended at the Universalist meeting house in this village, October 3e, and a discourse was delivered by the writer, to one of the largest congregations ever convened in this place.

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