[Cook, Stephen]

DEATHS.

ANOTHER FATHER IN OUR ISRAEL GONE.—Br. Skinner—I have to announce to you and through you to the public the death of our beloved brother STEPHEN COOK, who departed this life Nov. 19th, 1846, in the 72d year of his age, after a lingering disease upon the upper orifice of the stomach, supposed to be a cancerous humor. He bore his trouble with the utmost Christian fortitude and resignation. His was a triumphant death; for he maintained to the last a firm adherence to that religion which he had so faithfully preached Br. Cook had long been [in] the field, receiving his letter of fellowship from the Western Association of the State of New York, in June, 1815, and from that time forward, he labored indefatigably in this mountainous district, with a zeal rarely to be met with. Laboring with his hands that he might not become burdensome to his congregation, he frequently after a week's toil in the common business of life, would travel eight or ten miles, deliver his message of peace and return on the same day to renew his daily labor for the support of a numerous family. His character, as a man and Christian, stood above reproach. He has left a wife, several children, a society, and a large circle of friends, who deeply mourn his loss. A sermon was delivered in the Sackendago society on the occasion from 2 Corinthians v:1, (being selected by father Cook for the occasion,) by the write to a respectable and very attentive congregation.

GUY BROOKS

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