

[Ballou, Smith]

DEATHS.

In Troy, April 8, in the 67th year of his age, Mr. SMITH BALLOU. His funeral was attended at the Universalist church in this city, on the 9th inst., by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and acquaintances. Mr. Ballou was, in his religious sentiment, what the name has at length come to indicate—a firm and consistent Universalist. Ballou and Universalism are nearly synony ^[sic] so rare is it to meet one of that name who is not a steadfast believer in the glorious hope and faith of the final holiness and happiness of the race.—The subject of this notice had long been a resident in this city and vicinity, and a faithful and beloved member of our church and society. His business, for a few years past, had been such as to require his absence from home the greater portion of the time, and it was while abroad in the prosecution of his business that he was attacked with the sickness which has removed him from the communion and fellowship of the brotherhood of earth, to the purer and holier connexion of the faithful above. He reached his home, just in time to greet his family and friends once more in the flesh, and take an affectionate leave of them, till they shall join him in his immortal spirit-home. When questioned in regard to his choice, to live or depart, he would reply, "If it be God's will, I would stay—but God's will be done." God's will has been done—and may a realization of this great and consoling truth, cheer and sustain the bereaved widow and fatherless children, and shine upon their path way even to the end, with the constantly increasing brightness and consolation of perfect day.

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