

[Earll, Robert]

DEATHS.

At Skaneateles, on the 25th ultimo, General ROBERT EARLL, in the 74th year of his age.

With the deceased, most of the inhabitants of this and the adjoining counties had become in a greater or less degree acquainted—he having been a permanent resident of the town for more than forty years; and I feel justified in presuming, that during all this time he never had a personal enemy, unless, indeed, it was inconsequence of his well known moral virtue, firmness and unwavering integrity. His character, however, is too well known, and his virtues too well appreciated by all who knew him, to need the encomiums of my humble pen. Suffice it to say that his house was always a home for the stranger and the tempest-beaten son and daughter of misfortune; and his fire-side was ever rendered the more delightful by his happifying presence and very instructive conversation and useful advice. Most of the preachers of universal grace who, for forty years past, have travelled this way, have shared in the pleasures of his conversation, and the ever ready hospitality of his venerable mansion. It may be with propriety said of him, that he was the father of Universalism in this county, and one of the main pillars of the society in this place—yes, he has done more for the support and encouragement of the cause here, than any other individual. But he is gone, and we shall see him no more till he and all mankind shall be clothed with the beautiful garment of immortality. Still it is a source of great consolation to his aged and very amiable companion in life—to his children, and all who knew him—to know that he *died* as he had *lived*, full of the hope of a glorious immortality, not for a *few*, but for *all* mankind. Yes, for many days he waited with open arms to receive the messenger which is to many the king of terrors, and bid him a hearty welcome. Peace to his silent ashes!

His funeral was attended on the 27th, at the church in this place [the village of Mottville, in the town of Skaneateles], which he had contributed very liberally to erect, and the consolations of the Gospel tendered to a crowded audience of different denominations of Christians, by the writer, from Luke ii:29,30. “Now, Lord, lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.”

J. C. jr. [Rev. Jacob Chase]

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