

[Pier, Katherine]

DEATHS.

In Jamestown, on the 23d ult., KATHARINE, wife of Rufus Pier, Esq., and sister of the above [Mrs. Lucy Rawson, who had died in Carroll, Chautauqua Co. NY on 10 Feb 1859], 61 years ,6 months, and 10 days. In the death of this woman, her family, her religious society, and her community have suffered an irreparable bereavement... She has been a resident of Jamestown almost from the beginning of the town, and was universally respected and beloved by the wide circle to whom she was known. It is the common sentiment of the community, that while her virtue can scarcely be exaggerated, her loss to us cannot be compensated. For a long term of time, she was almost alone among her sex, in this village, in the avowal and defence of the gospel of Universalism. In common with her surviving companion, she was true to her convictions, through good and evil report, believing the promises of God, and having a foretaste of what they were to bring. In the darkest days of our cause, she was confident "that the goodness of God would yet be preached in Jamestown..." She lived to see a large congregation gathered in the name of "God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth"...and leaving us to higher ministries, bequeathed to us her noble example to animate and inspire. The funeral services were attended at her house, on the 20th inst., and on the following day (Sunday), an appropriate sermon was preached in the Presbyterian Church by Rev. E. W. Reynolds, an audience of about one thousand people being present, while considerable numbers were unable to gain admittance into the crowded edifice. To her venerable companion, her children and her community, we have already tendered, and again tender, the consolations of Divine Truth.

E. W. R.

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