

FATHER WINCHESTER: It was my good fortune, at the meeting of the United States General Convention, to have my lodgings assigned me at the hospitable house of Mr Benajah Brigham. Br Brigham informed me soon after my arrival that he expected ~~as a guest~~ Mr Silas Winchester, brother of Elhanan. Accordingly at an early hour on Wednesday morning, Mr and Mrs Winchester arrived from Maine, of which State he was a delegate. I found him to be a man possessing a sound and penetrating mind, much engaged in the cause of religion. His lady was such an one as seemed worthy of him. But what I wished to say in this article is this; Mrs W. according to her own statement had not, till within a very short time, believed in the doctrine of Universal Salvation. But, on the contrary, had believed it untrue. She attended every meeting held during the Convention, though much enfeebled by age. On Thursday, the last day of the meetings, she declared before the whole company 'that until now I could not understand what made my husband so anxious to attend these meetings, but since I have been here I have found out; O they make one so happy! my husband always came from these meetings so happy, and now I know the reason, they are so unlike other meetings.' Her husband seemed overjoyed to hear her thus speak. I verily believe he had the feelings of aged Simeon when he took the blessed babe in his arms. What a consolation it must be to Mrs W. to feel assured, that the separation which has taken place is not an everlasting one; and that the union which subsisted more than half a century will be again established in purer and holier bands, in a world where no sorrow or bereavement can enter. May the gospel of peace, which has so recently burst upon her sight, sustain her in her loneliness, cheer her through the declivity of life, and open up to her hopes a pathway to her husband and her Father in heaven. I need not to say more, for the sudden death of Father Winchester has been duly noticed by our journals.

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