

[Mathews, Samuel R.]

DEATHS.

In the 1st Ward, Syracuse, October 28th, Hon. SAMUEL R. MATHEWS, aged 61 years. For more than 40 years Mr. Mathews was a resident of the 1st Ward. His life is connected with the history of the old village of Salina; all his business days were spent in that place. He was called to several official stations; was at one time a member of the Legislature of New-York. His name will be recalled with those of Vanvleck, Alvord, Wood, O'Blenis, Kellogg and many others now numbered with the dead. Mr. Mathews was an early friend of Temperance. He manifested an interest in the School, the church, as pillars of our Republican<sup>1</sup> Structure. The widow, a daughter of the late Judge McBurney, of Bath, has lost a kind husband and the children are bereft of a loving and indulgent father. The news of Mr. Mathew's death fell like a thunder-bolt upon the community. He was engaged in his business during the forenoon of Friday, and died at 3 o'clock Saturday after a severe illness of 12 hours. How forcibly are we here taught, that "in the midst of life we are in death," that what our "hands find to do, we should do with our might."

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<sup>1</sup> not the Republican party, which had not yet emerged