

[Fellows, Edward Barry]

EDWARD BARRY FELLOWS

Edward Barry Fellows, President of the Rutgers Fire Insurance Company for forty-two years, and the father of evening schools in this city, died at his residence, 984 Union Avenue, yesterday morning, in his eight-eighth year. Mr. Fellows was born in Salisbury, N.H., June 20, 1811, his great-grandfather John Fellows having been one of the earliest settlers of New Hampshire. In 1834 he came to this city and entered the dry goods business. He became Collector of Taxes in the old Fourth Ward, and in 1841 was elected a School Trustee in that ward, afterward becoming a member of the Board of Education. He introduced the first resolution for the establishment of evening schools, and during the controversy as to whether the Scriptures should be read in the public schools, he advocated the complete separation of religious and secular instruction. He was one of the founders of the New York Free Academy, which afterward became the College of the City of New York, and proposed the establishment of the Free Normal College for girls.

Mr. Fellows was a Democrat, and held a position in the New York Custom House during the administration of President Polk. In 1853, with John W. Ketcham, he organized the Rutgers Fire Insurance Company, and was elected its first Secretary. In 1856 he became President of the Company, and held that office until October, 1898. He was also one of the original Trustees of the Morrisania Savings Bank.

He was a member of the Church of the Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist], and founded the Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm. At the time of his death he was President of the Universalist Ministerial Relief Fund. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at his late residence, and the interment will be at Cypress Hills Cemetery. He leaves two sons—Theodore W. Fellows of Methuen, Mass., and George Peter Fellows of this city.

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