

[Hyde, Bela B.]

Death of Br. B. B. Hyde.

ROME, N. Y., Nov. 29th, 1853

BR. AUSTIN¹:—I write you at this time in the discharge of a sad duty. Our friend and brother, B. B. Hyde, President of our Society in this place, departed this life on the 18th inst. He was one of our strongest and most reliable men. Our Society, with a deep sense of their loss, passed the accompanying resolutions², with the vote requesting their publication in the *Ambassador*. Mr. Hyde was one of the oldest inhabitants and settlers of our town, and has been long and well esteemed by our citizens. He was the first Collector of this port of the Erie canal, which office he held for many years. He was, moreover, the shipper of the first article of commerce, ever floated on the waters of that canal, and was for a long time at the head of the oldest and most extensive Forwarding house in this town. His place in our church has been most constantly filled, from the first of our organized effort for Universalism in Rome. His presence, counsel, and aid will be greatly missed.—At the time of his death, Mr. Hyde was a little past seventy one years of age. Last Sunday afternoon I appropriated a portion of my discourse [sermon] as a tribute to his memory, and a consideration of the application of the comforts of the Gospel to those who with us were bereaved by his death...

R. [Richard] Eddy

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¹ [Rev. John Mather Austin, the newspaper's editor]

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