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DEATHS.

In Auburn, on the 23d ult., AMOS UNDERWOOD, Esq., aged \_\_\_ [54] years. The deceased had long been a resident in this place. For many years he had taken an active part in the public affairs of the community—had received numerous offices of trust and responsibility—was very extensively known and respected as an honorable man and a useful citizen. His loss is deeply felt. Probably no individual could have been taken from our midst, who would be so sensibly missed as the deceased. As a business man his abilities were of the highest order, and he possessed the entire confidence of the public. Strictly honest himself in all his dealings—prompt in the fulfillment of all his engagements—faithful to all trusts reposed in him—he naturally and rightfully required the exercise of the same qualities and principles in those with whom he had dealings, and was rigid in his actions of those who were disposed to violate them.

By enlightened enterprise, untiring industry, and strict economy, he succeeded in acquiring a large fortune, sufficient to make his numerous family comfortable for life. He was a kind husband and affectionate parent. His attachment to his family was great; and it was his constant exertion to educate his children, and assist them to become valued and useful members of society. And the respectability with which they have entered upon active life, attests the success of his efforts. His family mourn his death, with a regret that can not be expressed. To them it is a loss which nothing in this life can replace. The deceased was brought up in the belief of the prevailing Orthodox sentiments in religion. But about twelve years since, he embraced the Gospel of a world's salvation, with an ardor characteristic of him in all his proceedings. His love for that doctrine, since he received it as the truth of God, has apparently been the predominant feeling in his mind. He has ever frankly and openly proclaimed his belief in its sublime and heavenly teachings—exerted himself to diffuse its light to others—and yielded it a steady and most generous support. As an indication of his attachment to his religion, and of the generosity of his heart, it should be mentioned that a few weeks before his death, he subscribed the sum of *one thousand dollars* towards the new Universalist church now erecting in Auburn. And in his will provision was made for a generous yearly annuity from his estate for the benefit of the Universalist society in Auburn. A most noble and worthy example for the imitation of the wealthy! It is a source of great satisfaction to know that the religion which he so highly prized and liberally supported in life, imparted to him its sweet and soothing consolations in death. He departed with its bright hopes, and soul-sustaining promises, strong and vigorous in his soul. May the richest consolations of the Gospel descend on

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those who mourn his loss. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of sympathising friends and neighbors, and an appropriate and able discourse was delivered (in the absence of the writer of this notice) by Br. G. W. [George Washington] Montgomery [a former minister] of Rochester.

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