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DEATH OF THE HON. MARSHALL S. BIDWELL.

In our Obituary Notices we must not omit the name of one who, though summoned from another land to the presence of his Maker, was well known, and is endearingly remembered by very many in "Upper Canada." His call was indeed sudden. But a life devoted to Christ could not do otherwise than end in the triumph of that salvation which the Bible so clearly promises to all who have "faith in God." The first mention of Mr. Bidwell in connection with the early history of the *Upper Canada Bible Society*, is found in the records of the year 1830. "On the 9th February, 1830—nearly forty-three years ago—the first Anniversary Meeting of the Society was held at the Steamboat Hotel. At it the following gentlemen took part :—Hon. J. H. Dunn, President ; Revds. F. Metcalf, W. Boulton, G. Barclay, E. Ryerson, J. Harris, and A. Stewart ; Dr. Baldwin, Dr. Rolph, Robert Baldwin, *M. S. Bidwell*, Jesse Ketchum, Peter Perry, James E. Small, Jas. Wilson ; Jos. Wenham ; P. Patterson ; Jas. Mitchel and R. B. Sullivan."

Mr. Bidwell remained to the close of his long and eventful life, an earnest and valued member of the Bible Society. We cannot better convey to his numerous friends in this country a correct idea of the high esteem in which he was held in the United States, than by furnishing a copy of the following resolution which was cordially adopted in New York on the 5th ult., "at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society." It is as follows :

"The Board is called upon to record the loss of Marshall S. Bidwell, a Vice President of this Society, who died on the 24th day of October, 1872, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He appeared to be in usual health, and was occupied in professional affairs at his office, in this city, when he was called to the Master's presence by instant death.

"Mr. Bidwell, first as Manager, and afterwards as Vice President, was for many years a diligent attendant upon the business of the Society, both in the Board and on Committees, always giving to its concerns intelligent service, and wise and judicious counsels. He was deeply interested in the Society's transactions, and eminently loyal to its mission. His eminence at the bar, distinction for learning and culture, and rare intellectual power, adorned by spotless Christian living, gave an attractive completeness to his character. He had our warm affection ; and it is not without tender memories of the past that we submit to the Divine Wisdom, which parts a union cemented by confidence and sympathy.

"May the kind hand which controls above all, bring to his family, with this present deep sorrow, the supports of faith and hope on which he reposed."