

OBITUARY.

EX-JUDGE EDMONDS.

John Worth Edmonds, a prominent member of the Bar of this City, died at his residence, No. 71 Irving place, at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. He was born in Hudson, N. Y., March 13, 1799, and graduated at Union College in 1816; was admitted to the Bar in 1819, and in 1820 commenced the practice of the law in his native place. In 1831 he was a member of the Lower House of the New-York Legislature, and for four years ensuing of the Senate and Court of Errors. He retired from the Legislature in 1836, and spent the following two years in the service of the Federal Government as an Indian Agent. In 1841 he resumed the practice of the law in this City, and in 1843 was appointed one of the Inspectors of State Prisons. In this position he labored for a time to introduce a reform in prison discipline by substituting for corporal correction the system of rewards for good conduct. The effort was successful, and, receiving the sanction of the Legislature, inaugurated a new feature in the Penitentiary system of the State. In 1845 he was appointed one of the Circuit Judges of New-York, and in 1847 was promoted to the Supreme Bench of the State. Retiring from the Bench, in 1853 he resumed the practice of his profession in this City, and for the past eight or nine years has been a member of the firm of Edmonds & Field. In latter years Judge Edmonds was generally known for his advocacy of what is called "Spiritualism," having made a public avowal of his belief in that doctrine in 1853. In support of his belief he wrote several works, the most elaborate of which was a work entitled *Spiritualism*, issued in 1853. Judge Edmonds had been in failing health for some time, and his death was not unexpected. On the anniversary of his seventy-fifth birthday, the 31st of March last, he told several of his friends that his days on earth were few, and gave written directions for the disposition of his remains, as follows:

"I wish to be buried in Hudson, in the same grave with my wife, not by her side, but in the same grave, that our ashes may mingle, and be one on earth, as our souls will be one in the spirit world. In the monument to her memory, erected there by the Bar of New-York, there are two vacant spaces left purposely for me. In one of them I want this inscription:

JOHN WORTH EDWARDS,
Born in Hudson, 13th March, 1799.
Died in —, —, 187

On the other I want simply these words:

Death joins the ties
Which death destroys.

I want as bearers at my funeral those who have been students of mine, viz.:

Judge Amasa J. Parker, of Albany; Judge Claudius L. Monell; Samuel J. Tilden, Wm. H. Field; Samuel G. Joliffe; Thomas Allison, lawyer, New-York; Herbert Smalls, lawyer, New-York; G. W. Lyon, District Attorney's Office; Charles P. Shaw, lawyer, New-York; Israel L. Gosling, lawyer, New-York."

The general services will be held at St. George's Episcopal Church, East Sixteenth street, to-day at 2 P. M. Dr. Tyng will officiate.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Judge W. L. Learned, of Albany, is at the Westminster Hotel.

Prof. John F. Weir, of Yale College, is at the Albemarle Hotel.

Clayton McMichael, of the Philadelphia *North American*, is at the Hoffman House.

Ex-Gov. J. Gregory Smith of Vermont, is at the Windsor Hotel.

Ex-Gov. Thomas C. Fletcher, of Missouri, is at Barnum's Hotel.

Ex-Congressman J. H. Rice, of Maine, and Ex-Congressman Hamilton Ward, of Belmont, N. Y., are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Major J. R. McGinniss, United States Army; Judge George A. Hardin, of the New-York Supreme Court; Ex-Mayor C. J. Wells, of Buffalo; Col. W. L. Scott, of Erie, Penn.; Ex-Mayor J. G. Berret, of Washington, and Chauncey T. Bowen, of Chicago, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

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