

WILLIAM A. WHEELER.

His Death at Malone, N. Y., After a Long Illness.

William A. Wheeler died Saturday morning at his home in Malone, N. Y., after a long illness. His death was painless, and life went out so gradually and quietly that it was hard to mark the exact moment of its flight. Mr. Wheeler had no near relative in the world to minister to him during his illness or to watch by his side at death, but the rela-



tives of his deceased wife and friends, who have been bound to him from boyhood by the closest ties of affection, were grouped with his pastor and physician about him when the final summons came.

The following telegram from Tremont, Ohio, signed "R. B. Hayes," was received at Mr. Wheeler's home a few hours after his death. "Mrs. Hayes and I have heard with deepest sorrow of the death of our friend, Mr. Wheeler. I will attend the funeral with my son."

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William A. Wheeler, LL. D., ex-Vice-President, was born June 30, 1819, in Malone, Franklin county, N. Y. He entered the University of Vermont and afterward commenced the study of law with Colonel Asa Hascall. He was made District-Attorney for Franklin county, and was its Superintendent of Schools. In the years of 1850 and 1851 Mr. Wheeler represented that county in the New York House of Assembly, and was a member of the Senate of New York in 1858 and 1859, and the President pro tem of that body. He was a member and the President of the New York Constitutional Convention in 1867 and 1868, and was elected a Republican in Congress to the Thirty-seventh, Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-third, and Forty-fourth Congresses. In the political complications which arose in Louisiana during the session of the Forty-third Congress Mr. Wheeler was conspicuous, he having been Chairman of the Special Committee of the House of Representatives that visited Louisiana and finally adjusted the difficulties existing there on the basis of what is known as the "Wheeler Compromise." In June, 1876, Mr. Wheeler was unanimously nominated for the Vice-Presidency of the United States by the Republican National Convention at Cincinnati, on the ticket with Rutherford B. Hayes. After serving his term of four years, Mr. Wheeler returned to Malone, where, his health timent until his death. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Malone, and held the position of cashier and chief managing director. He was Trustee of the New York Railway Company. JUN 16, 1887