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Item Description: Signature of Edward Hubbel Chapin (1814-1880) Universalist preacher who was editor of the Christian Leader, author and orator and chief actor in what was called the Broad Church Movement.

EDWIN HUBBELL CHAPIN CDV of Edwin Hubbell Chapin (December 29, 1814 – 1880), an American preacher and editor of the Christian Leader. Chapin was born in Union Village, Washington County, New York. He did not attend college, but completed his formal education in a seminary at Birmingham, Vermont. At the age of twenty-four, after a course of theological study, he was invited to take charge of the pulpit of the Universalist Society of Richmond, Virginia, and was ordained as a pastor in 1838. Two years afterward, he moved to Charlestown, Massachusetts, and in 1840 he accepted the pastorate of the School Street Society, in Boston. In 1848 he settled in New York as pastor of the Fourth Universalist Society, the church of which was then located on Broadway. Here he labored for a period extending over eighteen years, drawing large congregations. A new edifice, known as the Church of the Divine Paternity, was erected on the corner of 5th Avenue and 45th Street, and dedicated on the 3rd day of December, 1866. Chapin became widely known as an orator and author of works including the Crown of Thorns, Discourses on the Lord's Prayer, Characters of the Gospel, illustrating phases of the present day, Moral Aspects of City Life, and Humanity in the City. He spoke at Frankfort-on-the-Main, before the World's Peace Convention in 1850; at the Kossuth Banquet; at the Publishers' Association Festival, and at the opening of the New York Crystal Palace. Harvard College conferred an honorary D.D. upon Chapin in 1856. He was one of the chief actors in what was called the "Broad Church Movement". He was a trustee of Bellevue Medical College and Hospital, and a member of: the State Historical Society, the beneficent society called the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the prestigious Century Club, composed of "authors, artists, and amateurs of letters and the fine arts. He died at Pigeon Cove, a village of Rockport, Massachusetts, survived by two sons, Frederic H. Chapin and Dr. Sidney H. Chapin, and one daughter, Marion Chapin Davison. The Chapin Memorial Church at Oneonta, New York was dedicated to him in 1894. A chasm in the rocky coast near his home in Pigeon Cove is named Chapin's Gully where Chapin often swam.







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