

[Swan, Grosvenor]

(from Personal Sketches) Dr. Grosvenor Swan, born March 27, 1819. His parents were Abel Swan, born in Marshfield, Mass., 1790, and Betsy Bond Swan, born in Heath, Mass., 1793. Dr. Swan received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native town. He was by profession a physician and surgeon. His children are Charles A., Jennie A., Helen M., Marj' M., and William R. Dr. Swan practiced medicine in Richville and Gouverneur for many years. He removed from here to Hartford, Conn., in the early 70's and died at the latter place.

Dr. Grosvenor Swan was born in the town of Heath, Mass., March 27, 1819. His parents moved from there to the town of Gouverneur when he was seven years of age. He received his education in the common schools and Gouverneur Seminary, then entering the ministry (Universalist) preaching for several years, being engaged at the same time in the study of medicine. Prior to his entering the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1853, he practiced his profession in Gouverneur till 1869 when he removed to Chicago and two years later was one of the victims of the great fire which decided him to locate in Hartford, Conn., where he resided until his death in 1891. He was a man eminent in his profession, with an intellect which threw light, learning and love across the path of human advancement. No estimate of Dr. Swan is complete without a reference to his irrepressible sense of humor. He was an inimitable raconteur, a natural actor, and [?] an aptness and point to his wit that left a sense of pleasure with the listener. His humor was never rasping, acrid or wounding, but it came bubbling spontaneously from a heart having no guile. His stories became famous in his immediate neighborhood and were often retold but without the savor that he gave them.

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