[Bailey, Charles Starr]

DEATH OF REV. C. STARR BAILEY

In the prime of life and usefulness, this brother has been called to cease from his earthly labors. On the 30th of June, he was seized with profuse hemorrhage of the lungs, which was twice renewed at intervals of a few days. Strong hopes were entertained of his recovery, until the afternoon of Sunday, July 31st, when his disease assumed a more violent form, and he suddenly expired.

Br. Bailey's career was of a strangely chequered character. He knew the power of temptation, and he knew the feebleness of the flesh in its presence. But he was privileged to live long enough to learn, too, that there is One who gives all needed strength to those who lean upon him. Several years since, from a weary wandering, he returned to the fold of the Shepherd and Bishop of souls. Not long after, he sought and obtained Fellowship in our ministry, and has ever since been an exemplary and zealous laborer in the Christian cause. His devotion and his toils, united with considerable mental talents, made his ministry effective to no ordinary degree. Whilst faithful as a pastor, he was also untiring in his missionary efforts, which extended over much of the western and southern parts of Otsego co. The best evidence of his worth is that he was most esteemed by those who knew him best. He had won hosts of genuine and devoted friends in Columbus and Morris, where he ministered and successively resided.

His funeral service was attended in Morris, on the 2d inst., when the writer was assisted by the resident Baptist and Methodist clergymen, and by the Presbyterian clergyman of New Berlin—the latter of whom volunteered a feeling tribute to his private and personal character.

C. W. T. [Charles W. Tomlinson]

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