

[Austin, William Mather]

Death of W. M. Austin

William M. Austin died at his home 146 Seymour street this morning, after an illness of five weeks. Mr. Austin was born at Danvers, Mass., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1843 but when about 6 months of age, he came to Auburn with his father, Rev. John Austin, who was for many years pastor of the Universalist Church here. The deceased was educated in the public schools of this city and spent most of his life here. He was a printer by trade and had been connected with Auburn newspapers for several years. He was at one time City Editor of the *Sunday and Evening Dispatch*, with which he was connected as reporter and editor until its transformation into a morning paper. About two years ago he was appointed to a position as keeper at the prison, which office he filled up to the time of his fatal sickness. He was an energetic and honest man. Many friends will heartily sympathize with his bereaved family in their affliction. He leaves, besides his wife [Elizabeth], a daughter, Miss Frankie, and three sisters, Mrs. [Ella] Reigle of this city, Mrs. Charles [Frances] Underwood of Aurelius and Mrs. George [Clarabel] Ashby of Syracuse.

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