

[Goodrich, Everett E.]

Obituary

Died, in Guilford, Chenango county, N.Y., Aug. 14th, 1864, Everett E., eldest son of Rev. J. T. [John Temple] and Margaret M. Goodrich, aged 22 years.

Everett E. Goodrich, whose death cast a deep gloom over a large circle of friends, was for a long time well known to this community. His father, Rev. J. T. Goodrich, resided in this village many years, having been pastor of the First Universalist Church of Canton, and also prominently connected with the St. Lawrence University.

The deceased was more widely and intimately known to the younger portion of society, to whom he was especially endeared from the many virtues of his character. In his private life he bore a spotless and unsullied name, presenting a standard of christian uprightness seldom obtained by any.

He was a young man of more than ordinary ability, who was, had his life been spared, destined to have taken a prominent and honorable position in the world. Cut down in early manhood, with all life's bright prospects before him, his death will be received by all who knew him with manifest sorrow.

Naturally of a delicate constitution, for several months previous to his death he had been failing rapidly, and at last, Sunday morning, (August 14) breathed out his life in calm, peaceful and serene hope of eternal blessedness in his Redeemer.

The above, from the *St. Lawrence Plaindealer*, Canton, is well deserved eulogy. As was remarked by Bro. [Rev. Daniel] Ballou, the attention of young Goodrich was turned toward the ministry, and it was his strong desire to qualify himself for its duties and responsibilities. Failing health, however, compelled him to abandon this ambition, and in the hope that he might be able to increase his stock of useful knowledge, and if possible arrests the progress of disease, he entered one of the medical colleges of this city, but was only able to attend a partial course of Lectures. Finding at last that no care or skill could save him from an early death, he longed to leave the city and go to the place [Oxford] where it was his desire that his body should be buried. His wishes were gratified, and it pleased God not only to enable him to reach the spot he had loved in boyhood, but also, as the last hour drew near, to give him abundant resignation and comfort.

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