

[Lord, Charles S. "Charlie"]

In Memory of Chas. S. Lord

Our village was much shocked on Saturday evening last by the announcement that a dispatch had been received from Middletown stating the very critical illness of a well-known Friendship boy, Chas. S. Lord. The father, Allen Lord, and wife immediately started for Middletown, arriving there Sunday morning at 5 a.m. The happiness of finding their son in prospect of recovery was denied them. He was already past consciousness and death occurred in one hour after. Thus afflicted, Mr. and Mrs. Lord among strangers found many friends. Funeral services were held and many were the evidences of regret and esteem for the departed. The body arrived here Monday on [train] No. 3. The funeral services were held on Tuesday in the Universalist church at 2 p.m., Revs. McGlaughlin and Baldwin making the addresses. The burial was at Mt. Hope.

Charlie Lord, as he was familiarly called, was born in Friendship and here lived until September last. He was noted as a more than usual steady, thoughtful, high-minded young man, and was much esteemed by the whole community. In September he went to Corning to work in the clothing house of Ensorge Bros. By his trustworthy habits he soon won the confidence of his employers, as well as the friendship of his associates. Quite recently he went to Middletown, still to work in the clothing trade of the same firm. Those who became acquainted with him, as in Corning, were loud in their praises of his efficiency in his business, and right motives in life. He was expected soon to visit his home in Friendship, but the fatal illness prevented. On Monday, March 29, a severe cold was taken which resulted in pneumonia, of which he died on Sunday morning, April 4, aged 19 years.

Thus closes another young life. God calleth for whom he will and none can stay His hand.

The home of Mr. Lord is greatly saddened. Charlie was regarded as the strength of the family. Mr. Lord's health has not been good of late and he was looking to his son as the stay of declining life. Charlie's character is shown by a recent letter home in which he said, "If you are sick, father, don't try to work. I'll take care of you." He likewise offered to aid his younger brother, Willie, to attend school, defraying the needed expenses. The young people of this village presented beautiful floral tributes, others also came from young friends at Corning, Middletown and New York. As testimony of the esteem in which his late employer held him it may be remarked he came all the way to Friendship to attend the funeral, accompanied by Mr. Schonlever, a former companion of the deceased at the store in Corning. [A lengthy list of those who sent floral tributes is omitted here.]

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