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After a long and severe sickness George H. Remington passed away on Saturday night at Dr. Wiley's sanitarium in New York. The circumstances attending his illness were of the most painful character. During the greater part of it his father was seriously sick at his home in Canton and his mother was also ill. The family fearing the father's death sent word to the son asking him to come home if possible. The physicians sent word that he could not come without peril and word was sent for him not to come. But he rose from his sick bed and came to Canton. His appearance and condition were appalling. He rapidly grew worse and it was thought best for him to return to New York where he could have the best possible medical treatment. His disease assumed a severer character and for some weeks there has been little prospect of his recovery. After her father's burial, the sister, Mrs. Frank Mills, went to New York and was with him to the last. Dr. Janeway was in charge of the case and the best medical skill and the assiduous attention of nurses and friends were given him, but they were without avail.

Mr. Remington was born in Canton March 10, 1864. At the age of twenty he went to Brooklyn, entering the clothing house of McKeod & Jood. After two years he entered the house of Brooks Bros. of New York as a salesman. He was rapidly promoted, rising soon to one of the most responsible positions in the house. He associated himself with his father, when the business of the late Richard Ellsworth was purchased, soon leaving Canton to open a clothing house in Watertown. His success there was marked and in a short time he had built up a large and profitable business. He was regarded by the trade as a man of exceptional ability, and his store was said to be a model of its kind. His devotion to his business was intense and his prospects were of the brightest. He had a large circle of devoted friends who in many kindly ways manifested their sympathy for him during his long sickness. The relations of father and son were peculiarly intimate. Each was the confidant of the other and they were mutually helpful. He was a devoted and affectionate son and brother and a most loyal friend. During his short residence in Watertown he secured not only the confidence but the affectionate esteem of a multitude of acquaintances and friends.

His remains were brought back to Canton yesterday, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Mills, and Mrs. F. E. Gunnison. The funeral services were held this afternoon at the Universalist church. The Club attended in a body. A special train bringing one hundred persons, representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Elks, and citizens generally, came on from Watertown.

The sad circumstances surrounding the death of both father and son are well known here. The male members of one of the best known families in

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northern New York have passed away almost together. In Watertown there is also sincere mourning, where Mr. Remington was highly esteemed. The [Watertown] Times says:

"He possessed a genial, sunny disposition, making warm friends wherever he went. His business success made no change in his attitude toward the friends of his youth. His habits were social, and out of business hours he enjoyed the society of his friends. His popularity in Watertown was evidenced by the numerous inquiries, by letter, telephone and telegraph, as to his condition."

The Standard says:

"Mr. Remington brought to the business modern and progressive ideas and made the Grand Central store one of the busiest places in the city. Always courteous and honest, he made many friends. He was a genial, whole-souled man and his passing away in the prime of life brings sorrow and regret to many."

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