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E. A. TAYLOR, M.D.

In the death of Dr. E. A. Taylor, which occurred at his home at Schuyler Lake, Wednesday morning, March 12th, at 9:00 o'clock, not only Schuyler Lake, and the town of Exeter, but the whole county of Otsego, loses a congenial neighbor, a true friend, and a valued citizen, well-beloved in the social and business world; a man among men; and one whose friends were limited only by the number of his acquaintances. There are very few homes in the village and surrounding country that Dr. Taylor has not entered, and with a kind word, and ministering hand, encouraged the sick, and allayed their pain, and it is with sadness that we lay him away, knowing that we shall see him among us no more; yet, glad indeed that it was our privilege to have known him, and have had him reside in our midst.

Erastus A. Taylor was born February 1st, 1849, on the Taylor homestead, which he still owned, the only son of Milton and Jane (Russell) Taylor, and his entire life had been spent in that village excepting the time he spent in college. When a young man he attended the old Cooperstown Seminary and later graduated from the Eastman Business College and Albany Medical College. True to his natal village, he returned to practice medicine and for the past forty years had been a very familiar figure on our streets. He built the drug store now occupied by Clarke and Stephenson, which he conducted for several years, being Postmaster at the same time. He was also instrumental in the building of the bank, and was president of Taylor, Kinne & Co., Bankers; also a director. He was a member of the Schuyler Lake Lodge F. and A.M., No. 162, and a member of the Universalist church. He was twice married. His first wife was Grace Brown, by whom he had two daughters, Mrs. Beulah Ervin, of Webster, Texas; and Mrs. Mabel Williams of Utica, who survive. After her death, he married Miss Clara Gano of Milford, who with their little son, Harold, are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. Milton Ervin of Webster, Texas is his only grandson. Dr. Taylor had been in declining health for the past four years and last summer was so ill, his life was despaired of, but his indomitable will power aided by the best of care brought him through, and during the influenza epidemic he was able to visit several patients, but his strength was weakened and he began failing again in November. In spite of all loving hands could do, he gradually failed. At times his sufferings were intense, but at the very last he quietly fell asleep, knowing his work on earth was done.

The funeral which was largely attended, was held from the Universalist church, Saturday afternoon, many friends gathering to pay their last respects. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, among them being a Masonic piece, an Eastern Star piece, a piece from the Baptist church, the

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Universalist church and the Bank, besides pieces sent from friends. He was laid to rest in the village cemetery, on the hill which overlooks Canadarago Lake, and beside which he had spent many pleasant hours.

The Masons attended the funeral in a body and conducted the Mason services at the grave.—Our Schuyler Lake Reporter.

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