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EDWARD L. TREMAINE

Close of the Career of a Well Known and Popular Auburnian

The numerous friends of Edward Lyman Tremaine, one of the oldest and best known residents of his city, will be pained to hear of his death which occurred on Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Corning, in Grover street. The deceased was born at Oak Hill, Durban township, Greene county, this State, June 20, 1838, and comes of an old and influential New England family who were prominent in church and politics in New England. He received a good common school education and in early life was thrown on his own resources. When a young man of 20 years he came to Auburn where he has resided ever since. He commenced his work in Auburn with the old dry goods firm of Fiero & Carter, the pioneer dry goods men of this city, where he remained for some years. Previous to the war he formed a partnership with N. Turner and opened a boot and shoe store which they continued for some years. Later he was in partnership with his brother in State street. In 1870 he was nominated and elected overseer of the poor of the city, by an overwhelming majority. He filled this position for eight successive years to the entire satisfaction of the community until the office was appointive. He was a staunch Republican and a man of firm convictions. While in office he made countless friends and was deeply interested in the welfare of the poor in the city. He was possessed of a kind and sympathetic disposition and made and retained friends. In 1855 he married Miss Melissa Van Hosen of this city and their married life has been a singularly happy one. One daughter, Mrs. George Corning, her mother, and his sister, Miss Amelia L. Tremain of Windsor, N.Y., survive him. For some years past Mr. Tremain has been a patient sufferer from asthma. A week ago he caught a severe cold which developed into bronchial pneumonia resulting in his death. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from 9 Grover street. Rev. O. M. Hilton, pastor of the Universalist church officiated. The interment was in Fort Hill.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Edward Lyman Tremain was largely attended from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. George Corning in Grover street Monday afternoon. The services took place at 3 o'clock, Rev O. M. Hilton, pastor of the Universalist church of which the deceased was a member, officiated, reading appropriate selections from the Scripture and following with appropriate remarks. A quartette composed of Mrs. Lila Payne, Miss Lucy Taylor, Messrs. A. L. Hemingway and Charles G. Adams sang two selections, "Good Night" and "Nearer My God to Thee" during the services. The remains

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reposed in a rosewood casket covered with broadcloth with solid silver extension handles. Surrounding the casket were numerous palms which made a decidedly effective background from the floral designs which were beautiful and exquisite. They consisted of an upright cross and standard which measured six feet made of choice white flowers, principally roses, with base of maiden hair ferns, the tribute of Mrs. George Corning, who is presently at Carlsbad. A large floral sickle of pink and white roses from Capt. and Mrs. James O'Kane of the US Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. A large floral wreath of choice white flowers from Mr. and Mrs. D. Erastus Corning. A beautiful floral pillow of white roses, (aneminae?) and maiden hair ferns from Mrs. Jane Gardner. A large cross and anchor from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fiero. A floral pillow of solid white roses with the word "Father" in purple immortelles from Mr. and Mrs. George Corning. Cut flowers from Miss Maud Myers, Miss Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Fiero. On the casket rested a large cluster of exquisite pink and white roses tied with a wide satin ribbon on which was printed in pink, "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness, for so He giveth his beloved sleep," from Mrs. Tremain.

The remains were interred in Fort Hill cemetery and were borne to the grave by Messrs. George W. Elliott, John E. Botsford, James Covert, Theodore Kelsey, M. L. Walley, B. [Benjamin] B. Snow and John J. Trowbridge. Rev. O. M. Hilton read the committal service at the grave and the quartette sang "Some Sweet Day Bye and Bye."

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