

## CHARLES COLLINS.

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**B**ORN in Blanford, Massachusetts, he went with his family to Hartford in 1819. He began business with his father, the firm name being A. M. Collins & Sons. Shortly before the war he was engaged in business in St. Louis, Mo. Later he went to New York and founded the dry goods commission house of Collins, Atwater & Whitin. After his retirement from this firm, he made his residence in Yonkers. Going to New York to meet his son, Rev. Charles Terry Collins, who was on his way to his father's home for rest and recovery, he greeted him in the Grand Central Depot, and within a moment the son fell dead in his father's arms. From this blow he never recovered.

He was an active member of the North Church in Hartford, at one time a deacon, and during his life a warm friend of his pastor, Reverend Doctor Bushnell. While residing in New York he was an elder in the Madison Square Church, of which Doctor Adams was pastor.

He was a courteous gentleman, of an exceedingly attractive personality. He was a man of active mind and fluent speech. The writer remembers well the animation and eloquence with which he stated and defended the thought of his pastor, when he was under suspicion of heretical opinion. It was years ago, and by a western fireside, where he called to visit relatives. He was at that time an enthusiastic advocate of new and rational theologic thought.

He was much interested in the genealogic record of the Collins family, and from him first came the suggestion that this record be prepared. He had had the records at Guilford and other New England towns examined, and thus furnished the basis of this record down to his grandfather, William Collins. He was admired by all who met him, and those who within the circle of intimate relationship knew him, confided in and loved him.

, His body was laid at rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, Connecticut.

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## WILLIAM ERASTUS COLLINS.

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Son of Erastus Collins. Graduated at the High School of Hartford, Connecticut in 1880 and at Williams College in 1884. He became connected with the editorial staff of the *Hartford Courant*. He was an ambitious and brilliant journalist. His colleagues upon the newspaper state that "he possessed industry, zeal, a real love of work, clever wit and an individual style, with a high ideal of journalistic work, and was living up to it. He had read freely, traveled widely, and his range of information was large and his culture genuine. He had a home-loving nature, deeply devoted to his family, and the evident happiness of his domestic life was proverbial among his friends."

He was an active member of the Congregational Church. His life was active, noble, manly and unselfish. He died suddenly and his body was laid at rest in the Cedar Hill cemetery.