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Obituary.

LIEUT. EDWARD K. WIGHTMAN.

Lieut. E.K. WIGHTMAN, whose death has already been announced to our columns, was the son of STILLMAN K. WIGHTMAN, Esq., counselor-at-law, of this city. He received a liberal education, and graduated from the Free Academy in 1854. As he was eminently fitted for literary pursuits, he soon became a contributor to some of the city newspapers, and was specially employed in the superintendence of the Shoe and Leather Reporter. A very important statistical article, prepared by him for that paper some months since, was highly appreciated and used by the Home Department of the United States Government, and was republished in Great Britain, Germany and France.

His character was distinguished by warm affection, strict integrity, sound judgment and unspotted morality. His disposition was conciliating, but characterized by an indomitable will. He possessed a powerful physical constitution, which never yielded to discouragements in the accomplishment of his fixed purposes. When the Ninth Regiment, New-York Volunteers, (Hawkins' Zouaves,) was reinforced a year after entering active service, Mr. WIGHTMAN's sense of duty to his country induced him, despite of advantageous business offers and the argument of friends, to offer himself as a result. He declined the proffer of a Captaincy from conscientious convictions of a lack of proper military education, and shouldered his musket as a private soldier. He fought in the battles of Fredericksburgh under Gen. BURNSIDE, in the occurrence upon Richmond under Gen. BUTLER were at Petersburg, at Chapin's Farm, and some ten or twelve other places, in all of which he distinguished himself for undaunted courage and skill, and experienced several hair-bread escapes. Once he was struck on his breast-plate by a spent ball, and once was hit by a fragment of a shell.

Twice while in the service he was offered a commission, which, for special reasons, he declined. On the return of the original Ninth Regiment with all the recruit that accompanied him, was transferred to the Third New-York Volunteers, in which he was prominently step by step till he reached the position of [???]-Major, and was often intrusted with responsible duties usually discharged by much higher grades of officers. A Lieutenant's commission was made out for him, and forwarded to Fortress Monroe, [???] it did not reach that place till his regiment had been called the second time for Fort Fischer. In the assault upon that fort, while gallantly leading the men to the charge, he fell mortally wounded by a [???]e ball.