

Frederick Valentine Battey

Frederick Valentine Battey, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs. F. A. Battey, was born in Chicago, Feb. 14, 1878. While still in grammar school, his parents moved to Englewood, and upon graduating, he was one of the three to receive Foster diplomas. He prepared for college at the Englewood High School, graduating from there in 1899, having been compelled to stay out of school for two years on account of his eyes. During this time he was employed by Pettibone, Sawtell and Company, of Chicago.

In September, '99, he entered the University of Chicago for a collegiate course, but upon the advice of his father, decided to take up electrical engineering and enrolled in the Armour Institute in January, 1900. From the latter institution he graduated June 19, 1903, with the degree of B. S. in electrical engineering, being president of his class.

With the assistance of Dr. Gunsaulus, he secured a position with the McCormick Harvesting Company and entered upon his duties June 25. On the afternoon of July 17, he came home ill, the sickness proving to be typhoid fever, and after an illness of three weeks, he died, August 6, at the home of his parents, 6530 Parnell Avenue, Chicago. Services were held in the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Englewood, the Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins, D. D., whom Fred had known intimately as his pastor, officiating. The sermon was a beautiful tribute to the memory of his young friend with whom he had been so closely associated. The day before he passed away he said, pointing upward, "There is another crown up there."

Throughout his school life, Fred was deeply interested in and closely connected with movements for the benefit of his fellow students. He was a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, having helped to found the Armour Branch, and was president of that branch in 1900, and again in 1902. He was also a member of the Technical Society. Fred was always prominent in Church work, taking an active interest in it. He was a member and officer of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and for some time he was editor of the Church paper, *Pilgrims' Progress*. It seemed a pleasure to him to work in the interest of Christianity.

His life was fairness and sincerity. He would not enter upon anything until he believed it thoroughly right, but was very loyal to what he accepted. With his bright record as a student, his high ideals in life and his confidence in the Christian faith, he leaves a shining example as an incentive to noble living and to better appreciation of the real life.