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*EDWARD CLARKE PORTER.

He continued Rector of St. Luke's Church, Racine, Wis., until compelled by ill-health to resign, February 1, 1875. In the spring of 1873, failing health prompted him to tender to the parish his resignation, but his people were unanimous in their desire to retain him, and secured an assistant who should relieve him of all labor and care until he should feel able to take up the burden. In May, 1873, he went to Europe with his family, remaining nearly a year in the hope of recovering his health, but returned not materially benefited, and after a very painful illness of seven months, died in Racine, Wis., January 8, 1876.

He was only thirty-nine years of age when he died; but if life is not to be measured by years, he lived long. His life of nine years in Racine, where he owned a charming cottage, filled with a sumptuous library, paintings and objects of art, testifying to his culture and refinement, seems to have been a sunlight to every one with whom he came in contact. His liberality was one of head, of heart and of purse. In religion his views were broad. He preached the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. In his services as a Rector he was untiring and devoted to his mission, which was to him one of joy.

He saw his church completed, the Guild as an adjunct established by him; he was one of the founders of the Hospital to which he gave the land on College Avenue, and to every good and useful work in or out of the church he gave freely of his time and money.

In his social relations he was especially happy. His liberality of mind, his religious fervor, his breadth of culture, his retentive memory, his poetic temperament, seem to have combined to fascinate alike young and old.

His charities were many but unostentatious, while kind words and manly solicitude for others filled his daily life.

Rarely has Racine had a deeper shadow cast over its homes than by the death of Porter. Doubtless the Father in Heaven has granted to him the wish expressed by him for a friend in the last verse of a hymn of welcome written for his return from Europe—

"And when Thy great Jerusalem
Shall open all its gates abroad,
Grant there to him the diadem
Which crowns the man that's dear to God."

CHILDREN.

Maurice Foster,	b. Racine, Wis.,	March 19, 1868.
	d. Chicago, Ill.,	March 26, 1881.
James Foster,	b. Racine, Wis.,	Jan. 15, 1871.