

BIOGRAPHY OF HENRY L. SPRING.

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Henry Liston Spring was born in the city of Cincinnati on the 6th day of July, 1841. Not much is known by the writer of his early childhood. His parents were in moderate circumstances, and consequently could afford him but limited advantages. The Common Schools, however, extended him an education, and he accordingly entered the Tenth District School in 1847. After five years spent here in laying the foundation of a free and liberal education, he entered the Woodward High School in 1852, being then eleven years of age. He applied himself to his studies with great diligence, but his health failed, and at the end of two years he was obliged to leave school. After remaining away one year his health was sufficiently restored, and he again entered, and graduated honorably in 1857, at the age of sixteen, the youngest of his class. This was the end of his school days. For some time he was employed in the Daily Commercial office. His employment here was very arduous, especially for one whose constitution was naturally weak. A great portion of his time was spent in writing. At other times he was obliged to rise before day, exposing himself to cold and the vicissitudes of the weather. It was by these means, no doubt, he laid the foundation of that fatal disease which was the cause of his "untimely taking off." Up to the time of his death he was employed in the same business, although not in the same establishment.

Henry possessed many noble qualities both of the head and heart. He was of a mild, amiable disposition, and exceedingly good natured. During all my intercourse with him, I do not recollect of ever seeing him angry. He had his school-boy troubles, too, in common with us all, but he bore them with a calm philosophy that shed lustre on his character. He was obedient to his teachers and kind to his schoolmates,