

George Croke Rowden 1820-1863

April 17, 1863 At the Chantry, Chichester, after a few days' illness, aged 43, the Rev **George Croke Rowden**, DCL, Precentor of the Cathedral. The deceased was the son of the Rev **Edward Rowden**, Rector of Highworth, Wilts and brother of Dr **Rowden**, the Registrar of the University of Oxford and had been Fellow of New College, Oxford. He was for many years head of a school at Sheen, near Richmond and shortly after his resignation of that position he was appointed Precentor of Chichester Cathedral. Although the office had been deprived of its emoluments, he determined to make it a reality and during the three years that he was connected with the diocese his influence was much felt. He was remarkable for courtesy, affability and kindness of heart but also possessed great vigour of mind, determined firmness of purpose and an unswerving adherence to the paths of truth and duty. Indeed he recommended himself to all with whom he was brought in contact, for his earnest discharge of the duties attaching to his position.

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