

[Pattens, Joshua B.]

DEATHS.

In Binghamton, N.Y., on the 20th ult., Mr. JOSHUA B. PATTENS, aged 23 years, son of John and Aurelia Pattens. He was a young man of unexceptionable character, and the most amiable disposition, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The circumstances under which he terminated his earthly existence, are as follows.—He had been for some time past studying law at Binghamton, Broome county. Having started on Thursday night, Jan. 20, to visit his friends [e.g. family], when he got to the station house, he found the cars had gone. Instead of returning to his boarding house, he took a room at the Exchange Hotel, in order to be ready for the cars the next morning,—locked the door of his room, took the key out and laid it on the table. The next morning the chambermaid, wishing to enter the room, found it locked and the key gone, and informed the landlord of the fact. He thinking that Mr. Pattens had gone out and taken the key with him, gave himself no uneasiness, until Saturday, 3 o'clock, P.M., Jan. 22, when they unlocked the door and found him dead in the bed. On a post mortem examination, it was found that he died of a disease of the heart. His remains were brought to Fly Creek, N.Y., to the residence of his parents, on Monday night, and interred on Tuesday, Jan. 25, when the comforts and consolations of our blessed faith were given in an appropriate discourse to the bereaved relatives and friends, by the writer. The deceased was a member of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, who assembled in a body to pay the last tribute of respect to their friend and brother.

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