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ELMER J. ABBOTT

Elmer J. Abbott, who has been in poor health during the past two years and steadily failing since the first of the year, suffering from kidney trouble, passed away last Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock at his home on the corner of St. Helena and Watrous streets.

He was the eldest son of James and Almina Abbott and the eldest of a family of five sons—Elmer, John, Lloyd, Charles and Luther—Lloyd and Charles surviving him. He was born on the homestead farm on the west side of Silver Lake in the Town of Castile on January 2, 1853.

Mr. Abbott attended the district school and while he never entered any higher institution of learning he was, nevertheless, a student who gained substantial education in the fundamentals of life. Blest with a great store of common sense, he was a man whose judgment was often consulted and relied upon.

On March 15, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen E. Lake of Castile, who passed away two years ago. They resided in the farm until 14 years ago, when they removed to this village and made their home. Three children were born to them, viz: Fred, Nellie, and Ray, all of whom survive. He also leaves one grandchild, Miss Shirley Stainton.

Mr. Abbott was in partnership with L.M. McIntyre in the business of buying sheep and wool, and for the period of a year was manager of the sheep market in Buffalo. He also conducted a grain warehouse in this village for about 15 years and about two years after establishing it he took in as partner his son Fred, under the firm name of Abbott & Son.

He has been an active and devoted member of Constellation Lodge, No. 404, F.&A.M., of Perry, and was a Past Master of that organization, and a trustee for several years. He won the affection as well as the esteem of his brethren, who often sought his wise counsel. He was a faithful attendant at the Universalist Church and a generous contributor to that society as well as to the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Abbott took an active interest in civic and political affairs. He was president of the fair association for several years and was frequently chosen as delegate to political conventions, an outstanding member of the community who will be greatly missed.

Brief funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon, with prayer by Rev. W.P. Farnsworth of the Universalist Church. At 2:30 o'clock, full Masonic services were conducted at the Temple by Past Master and assistants, with appropriate music by a Masonic quartet composed of J.C. Herzberger, J.D. Rogers, Revs. J.B. Freestone and H.F. Hewitt.

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Rev. W. P. Farnsworth paid a deserved tribute to his memory and truly said that a eulogy was unnecessary for the reason that Mr. Abbott's upright life was its own eulogy. He gave consolation to the bereaved family and expressed his appreciation of the value of such a life to the fraternity he honored by his membership.

A profusion of floral tributes testified in a measure the esteem in which Mr. Abbott was held, also shown by the large attendance at the impressive services.

The remains were accompanied to Glenwood Cemetery by members of the Masonic Lodge, who conducted the services at the grave. The bearers were: Seymour Sanford, Joseph Hollister, Clifford Rice, John Broock, Harold George and Read Clarke.

Among the numerous friends from out of town were: E.T. Montgomery and B.F. Williams of Warsaw; Sherman Lewis of Varysburg; Dr. W.B. Bartlett, R.T. Schornstein, Charles Bills, W.W. Metcalf and Chauncey Warner of Castile; Mrs. Edward Waldorf and Mrs. Carl Merriman of Hornell; Rev. Clara Morgan of Cohocton; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hawley and William Handyside of Wyoming.

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