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HARRY JAMES BULLION

Harry James Bullion, the only son of Clark L. and Ida Marie [Bellinger] Bullion, died at his boarding place in New York City on the 26th of January, 1911, of diphtheria. He had been home for the holiday vacation, which was spent at the Bullion homestead, about two miles north of Richfield Springs and near the little hamlet of Cullen. On Jan. 2nd he returned to New York City to resume his studies in Columbia University, and was taken ill on the 23rd, and on the following day was confined to his apartments. The disease was not to be stayed and on the 26th his parents were notified. They left at once but could not reach New York until the morning following his death.

Mr. Bullion was born at Cullen, Herkimer Co., New York, on May 24th, 1887. When a young man he entered the Richfield Springs High School and graduated with the class of '04. After a post graduate course in that institution he entered Hamilton College September 20th, 1905, graduating in the class of '09.

While at Hamilton he became a member of Psi Delta Tau fraternity and there his wholesome, cheerful personality earned the sobriquet of "Sunny Jim" among his fellow class men. Letters of condolence received by his parents testify to the sterling worth of the young man and express the genuine sorrow his death has created in the hearts of those who lived and studied and played with him at Hamilton.

In the fall of 1909 he entered the Law Department of Columbia University to prepare himself for his chosen profession, and he, his parents and his friends were looking forward to the time when he should [would] be ready to take an active and earnest part in life's work. His sudden going is not alone a profound shock to his parents, but to the whole community who knew him as a sunny-faced young man, who but a few days ago, seemingly, was but a little lad at school.

A simple but touching tribute was paid to him by an old man who lives in Cullen. He said, "What a boy! I could hear him singing the first thing in the morning, as he would be going after the cows, and the last thing at even-fall as he drove them pastureward. Always singing or whistling."

It is sad indeed to lose young men with this joy in their hearts and to see such a splendid future palled so quickly. Splendidly endowed by nature, the only son of prosperous parents, intellectually strengthened and looking forward to a career, he came to the end in a brief span of three days.

Many earnest tributes to his memory have been received from friends and class-mates who were even denied the privilege of attending his funeral on account of the nature of the disease from which he died.

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As an indication of the affection in which he was held by his fraternity, it has been proposed by one of their number that they gather at his grave in beautiful Lakeview Cemetery during the summer and plant a tree as a memorial to him.

Mr. Bullion's body was brought to the home farm on Saturday, January 28th, and on Tuesday, the 31st, the funeral was held from the Bullion home, the Rev. Frank O. Hokerk of the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist, officiating.

Interment was made at Lakeview, thus terminating a career which promised so much, and leaving sad and desolate the bereaved parents whose hopes and aspirations had centered about the sunny, blithesome young man.

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