

[Pratt, William Origen]

Schuyler Lake

Great sorrow is felt in this community, occasioned by the passing away of William O. Pratt at his home here Sunday evening, No. 23rd, after a brief illness. His health had gradually been failing for quite a long time, but he had worked continually and uncomplainingly until about a week ago, when he was obliged to give up, and succumbed to acute Bright's disease. William Origen Pratt was the older son of Henry O. and Ella Loomis Pratt, and was born in the town of Burlington July 23, 1870. When ten years of age he moved with the family to the town of Exeter, where he has since lived. [On] October 9, 1892 he was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Smith, who died July 30th of last year, after a lingering illness, during which time he was untiring in his devotion and thoughtful care of her. Two sons blessed this union, Kenneth W., who is ticket agent at the trolley station at Richfield Springs, and Herman, a small boy who will now have a home with Kenneth. Besides the sons he leaves his mother, Mrs. John Lidell, and a little grandson. Will Pratt, as he was familiarly called, was a person who will be missed everywhere. Of a genial and happy disposition, his cheery whistle and ready repartee brightened the world around him. He was a handy man, able to turn his hand to almost anything, and willing and obliging. For several years after his marriage he worked farms, then bought a home in the village and did pallating and paper hanging, and for the past three years has worked for R. L. Holbrook in the coal and feed business. He was a valued member of the Universalist choir. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon, with prayer at the house at 2, and Masonic service at the Universalist church at 2:30. Interment in the village cemetery. Rev. Charles Kramer will conduct the service.

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Funeral of Wm. O. Pratt

Respected Resident of Schuyler Lake Laid to Rest Wednesday

Schuyler Lake, Nov. 28.—The funeral of the late William O. Pratt, which was held from the Universalist church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, was largely attended. Rev. Charles Kramer, pastor of the Universalist church, officiated. The Masons had charge of the burial services, which were given in the church owing to the inclement weather outside, and were conducted by Worthy Master E. F. Washburn and Chaplin George Conrad. There were about 50 of the Masonic brethren present. The floral tributes were many and beautiful and showed the high esteem in which he was held in the community. Among the pieces were tributes from the following organizations: Masonic lodge, K.O.T.M., teachers and board of education of the Schuyler Lake Union school, and the Universalist choir.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Pratt of Richfield Springs, Mr. and Ms. John Morris and son Charles of Gilbertsville, Mrs. Mary Hume of Burlington Flats, Jay Loomis and Mrs. Ziba Holbrook of Cooperstown, Ira Allen and Clarence Bunn of South Hartwick, and Mrs. Henry Dyer of Little Falls.

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