

[Pullman, James Lewis]

DEATHS.

In Albion, N.Y., Nov. 1, JAMES LEWIS PULLMAN, aged 53 years. The subject of this notice was born in the State of Rhode Island. At an early age he emigrated to this State with his father.—While in his youth his mind was called to the subject of religion from attending a protracted meeting [a revival], carried on by the Baptists in the vicinity where he resided. Not being satisfied with the doctrines which he heard, he determined to search the scriptures daily “to see whether these things were so,” and to learn for himself what is truth in relation to the destiny which awaits us. Accordingly he took the Bible, “God’s best gift to man,” in his hand, and with an earnest prayer upon his lips for grace to help in every time of need, he commenced his investigation. He sought diligently for the pearl of great price, until finally, by the blessing of God, from reasoning and studying the Bible alone, he arrived at the great truth that “the living God is the Saviour of all men.” In the year 1830 he removed with his family to Chautauque [sic: old spelling] co. Here he found a new field for the exercise of his devotional feelings. He found those of like precious faith, with whom he could mingle. A Church was organized, of which he became a prominent member. Conference meetings were established, in which he generally took a leading part, and by his strict moral integrity and correct religious habits, he endeared himself to a wide circle of friends. In 1845, he removed to Albion, where he became widely known as a useful and upright citizen. In the death of Br. Pullman, a devoted and affectionate wife [Emily Caroline Minton Pullman] has been called to part with a kind husband—eight children, (six sons and two daughters) with a provident and loving father—the church of which he was a member, with an exemplary christian, and society at large with “the noblest work of God,” because an honest man. His disease was enlargement of the heart, from which he suffered much during the past year. No murmur escaped his lips. A few months since he united with the Universalist Church in Clarendon, together with his wife and two sons, one the Rev. R. H. [Royal Henry] Pullman, who has recently commenced proclaiming “the everlasting Gospel.” He found the faith which he had loved and cherished through life, all powerful in the hour of death. He made all the arrangements for his funeral with perfect composure—requested the writer to perform the services, and to proclaim to the world that his faith in Universal Salvation was triumphant in the dying hour. His funeral was very numerously attended on the 3d inst. The fraternities of Masons and Odd Fellows—the fire companies, and a large concourse of sympathizing friends, were present to pay their respects to departed worth.

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