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Daniel James, who died on the twenty-ninth instant, at the good, old age of seventy years, was born in Galway, N. Y. His parents removed to Oberlin, O. when he was five years old, and a few years later to Denmark, Iowa. Here he came under the pastorate and influence of Father Turner, a man whom he much resembled in his lamb-like qualities. His home life and training was of the best and highest. Both parents had added to good early training the philanthropic and Christian spirit of Oberlin. His father was of the family whose ancestor brought honor to the name—Dr. James being one of the scientists who were appointed by President Jefferson in 1803 to explore the great Northwest to the Pacific Ocean, in the "Lewis and Clark Expedition." Dr. James was the botanist and mineralogist of that important enterprise. A later Dr. James was a philanthropist, and was prominent in the early days of Iowa. He lived in Burlington, and made his house the refuge of many a fugitive from slavery who was on his way to Canada and liberty.

The mother of Daniel James was also of superior, refined and religious qualities. These facts are mentioned to show that the education of Mr. James was begun for some time before his birth. His fathers were nobles and he inherited their fine characteristics. He was a favorite son. He adored his mother—thought her queenly and an relic. This feeling toned and refined his character. It moulded his life and swayed not only his youth but his riper years to the end. It kept him near her till he was forty. He never feared the charge of being "tied to his mother's apron strings."

Fifty years ago this fall, Daniel James entered Denmark academy—a young man of twenty, tall and slim, well illustrating physically and morally, the Scripture sentiment, "Blessed are the upright." After his connection with the academy he taught school successfully for several terms. He everywhere maintained the same high-toned character—upright, honest and trustworthy. The boy was father of the man. What

is said among us today, now that he is gone, was said then, wherever he lived—"a good man."

Mr. James came to Grinnell to reside permanently, in 1871, having been here off and on some years before. He owned and tilled but a small farm—enough, with prudence and care, to supply his modest wants, especially as he was favored with that priceless gift from the Lord—"a prudent wife."

He was fond of reading. His outlook upon the outside world was broad, and his sympathies warm towards every work. For several years past his

...to labor or to attend public assemblies. Yet, at the last, his end came suddenly and as a shock both to his family and his friends. But he was ready and waiting, calm and peaceful in his last hour, as in all his life. After what has been said it will hardly need be added that he was a Christian, and if not rich as men count riches, "he was rich towards God." When such a man dies the world is poorer.

He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter to mourn his departure, or to rejoice in his transition.

The funeral services were conducted from the house, Thursday afternoon, by the Rev. E. M. Vittum.