

T. M. HOLMAN

Thomas M. Holman, after lingering a year and a half with that insidious disease, consumption, at times being lured on with hopes, and again depressed with anxious fears, quickly and conscious almost to the last – August 30<sup>th</sup> – at the residence of mother in this village, in his 34<sup>th</sup> year.

The news of his death, although daily expected, was received by our citizens with feelings of profound sadness for he was universally known here and a general favorite, having resided in the village and also in Pontiac since his early boyhood.

About fifteen years ago he entered the store of the late F. A. Brooks, in this village, as clerk, remaining there until that gentleman's death, when he went to Pontiac and found employment in the well-known mercantile house of McConnel Bros. Here he remained until the year 1875 when he returned to this village and purchasing the stock and interests of L. C. F. Ball, a dealer in boots, shoes and gent's furnishing goods, opened business for himself. After trading about five years, failing health compelled him to relinquish his business and retire. It was thought that a season of quiet and surcease from business cares might prove beneficial to him, and at times himself, as well as his friends, began to feel that he would recuperate his energies and come out all right. But it was otherwise ordered, still in the very face of the grim monster. Thomas would express hopes of final recovery, and even while the film of death was gathering in his eye did he make use of the expression that he 'thought he would pull through yet'.

Yet the summons came and our friend closed his eyes forever, surrounded by those who loved him and whose kind and gentle administrations soothed his last hours. God pity his old mother the light of whose life almost goes out with that of her dear boy. After his hands were folded across his pulseless breast, she was heard to say: 'I have nothing more to do – my work is done'.

The funeral services which were conducted by the Rev. W. C. Way, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Calland, were held yesterday (Wednesday) at 4 o'clock pm at the M. E. Chapel, although by request of deceased and his mother the remains were interred before that hour, the *cortege* immediately returning to the Chapel which was filled with the friends and neighbors of deceased. The choir, which was vacated – the organ having been removed – was draped in mourning interspersed with white rosettes while one of the four vacant chairs therein was shrouded in black. The deceased had been a member of the choir for a long time. The floral offerings were very choice and tastefully arranged, among them a mound or basket of tuberose and other flowers surrounded by sudlax, being a gift from five young gentlemen. The singers occupied a place on the west side of the pulpit and their selections net only, but their execution, were particularly fine and impressive.

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