

## IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. James B. Lewis was born in Beekmantown, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1832, and died in Jacksonville, Fla., April 10, 1899.

Mr. Lewis started in the mercantile business at Beekmantown, Oct. 1865. In 1866, he was married to Miss Mary E. Jacobs, of Willsboro, N. Y. The following year he sold out to Mr. J. Dawson, and opened a trade at Mooers Forks, remaining there several years; again returning to Beekmantown, he built a house, and a store, and made other improvements. He remained here for 12 years; and being in frail health, retired from business. He afterward resided in Plattsburgh and East Beekmantown. In Nov. 1891, on account of Mrs. Lewis' ill health, he was advised by his physician to go south, which he did and purchased a home in Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Lewis was quite ill all last summer, and in this time he experienced religion. Often during the long, exhausting days, he would say to his wife, "Let me go home to God. I am now ready, prepared and waiting." His health improved during the fall; but the last day of Jan. 1899, he was taken with acute inflammatory rheumatism. All through his illness he was patient and cheerful, waiting for the time he was to start for home, where he intended to spend the remainder of his life, and to unite with the Presbyterian church of Beekmantown. But on the 9th of April, Mr. Lewis was worse,

and on the following day he passed away in peace. The remains were brought north and the funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church, East Beekmantown, where Rev. John F. Humphreys preached from John XI: 32-35. He was interred in Stafford cemetery, where the service of the Masonic order was read, and where the body is at rest until the resurrection. Mr. Lewis was well known in this county as a man of honesty and integrity; and the large audience at his funeral, was evidence of the esteem and respect, in which he was held. May the merciful Father shield the fatherless, and the widow, in their great sorrow and bereavement.

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