

Bernard Callomon

IN the death of Bernard Callomon the Pittsburgh Jewish community has lost one of its well known figures, a co-religionist who was intimately associated with the Reform Jewish life of the city.

Mr. Callomon became superintendent of Congregation Rodef Shalom at the time when the late Dr. Levy first came to Pittsburgh. He was more than the title implied: in many instances he served in the capacity of assistant to Rabbi Levy, officiating at varied services. His genial personality and his willingness to serve efficiently in one of the most difficult of all positions in Jewish congregational life, made him a valuable aid in the smooth functioning of Temple routine. After the death of Dr. Levy, Mr. Callomon continued on and under Dr. Goldenson, remaining for many years until advancing years made it imperative that he retire from the exacting duties of his office.

Everybody liked Bernard Callomon: he was considerate and thoughtful and enjoyed the respect of the community. He was devoted to his congregation; all through the years he gave himself with all his mind and heart and soul to the necessary duties of his position. He was the Information Bureau for everyone, and was obliged to exercise the greatest patience and tact in meeting the, frequently, unreasonable attitude of some members: on him was laid the burden of all complaints. And it is a tribute to his character and his disposition that he was able to serve so many years and maintain until the very end the goodwill and esteem of his fellows. He was a kindly, self-sacrificing, modest gentleman—a man who respected himself and enjoyed the esteem of the community. He lived a useful life and his passing severs one of the few remaining links between Old and New Jewry in Pittsburgh.