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THE REV. FRED G. LEONARD

The Rev. Fred G. Leonard, retired pastor of Morris Universalist church, died a few minutes before 6 o'clock Wednesday night in Fox hospital at Oneonta. He had been in his usual health until recently.

Mr. Leonard was born at East Eddington, Me., January 6, 1862. His wife, the former Mrs. Jennie Colvin, died about twelve years ago. No immediate relatives survive.

With Mr. Leonard in the class of 1893 at St. Lawrence University were Dr. George Huntley, former pastor of Chapin Memorial Universalist church at Oneonta and the Hon. Owen D. Young. After preaching at Huntingville, Que., and Southold, L.I., Mr. Leonard began his pastorate in Morris May 1, 1899. He resigned [?] because of failing health [?] to reside in the village where he had worked so many years, and where his sincerity and high moral standards won him a host of friends.

In 1936 he preached the sermon at the annual state convention of Universalists at Syracuse. He had many interests in his community, being a member and for some years chaplain of Tienuderrah Jewell chapter, O.E.S., and for fourteen years its patron; and an honorary member of the Rotary club.

His funeral will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m., in the Morris church, which he served more than forty-two years. Dr. Fred C. Leining of Syracuse, state superintendent of Universalists, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Gale Bascombe, pastor of the Universalist churches in Oneonta and Morris. Burial will be in Hillington cemetery, Morris.

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The Good Shepherd in Morris, since 1899, has been the Rev. Frederick G. Leonard and the village was in sorrow when the news of his death came from the hospital in Oneonta, on April 22. Mr. Leonard had been in poor health during the winter months and during his hospitalization beginning on April 16, there was a steady decline in his condition. For forty-two years he had been pastor of the Universalist Church in Morris and he faithfully ministered to three generations in this village. Always, these parishioners held him in high esteem and affection and similarly the village responded to his broad ministry.

Mr. Leonard was graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1893 and he came to Morris from a successful pastorate in Southold. He was very active in the Otsego Association of Universalists, in Masonic circles, and was the preacher of the occasional sermon at the sessions of the New York State Convention of Universalists in Syracuse in 1936. He resigned from the pastorate in Morris in 1941, continuing his residence in that village and helping in every way possible in the work of his church.

The church was filled with parishioners, members of the Masonic orders and friends for the funeral service on April 26. Dr. Fred C. Leining and the Rev. Gale Bascomb, pastor of the Universalist churches in Morris and Oneonta, conducted the service. Mr. Morris [Leonard] was in his eighty-second year and leaves no relatives. He was married twice and was a widower at the time of his death.

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