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ROBERT WOODEN, born in Chili, Monroe County, N.Y., died at Onsted, Mich., Jan. 29, 1897. His educational advantages in the schools were meagre, but his fine native powers made him alert to learn from nature and from his observations of and experiences with men. He became a Universalist early in life and until infirmities crippled him he was zealous and earnest in the support and defence of his faith. At the age of thirty he began to preach, and was ordained in Michigan—where he had made his home three years before—in 1848. He was one of the pioneer preachers of Universalism in that state and for thirty years he preached regularly, at first wherever he could get a hearing and afterwards at stated places. In 1847, he organized a society and erected a church at Lambertville and ministered there four years. He afterwards preached at Wolf Creek, Newell, Somerset and Hudson. "He was glad to be known as a farmer preacher, ever ready to preach where there was no money to pay. His desire was to spread the joyful tidings. He was an earnest, faithful, good man, a good defender of our faith and thoroughly loyal to our church and its work."

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