

[Baner, George Cross]

DR. GEORGE CROSS BANER

Dr. George Cross Baner suffered a serious break-down in health in the spring, which compelled his resignation from his pastorate in Santa Paula, California. He went to the home of his brother in Seattle, Washington, hoping for recovery. Unfortunately this was impossible and death occurred on November 7.

Dr. Baner was unmarried. He was most generous in his work and giving, and outstanding in his pastoral work in his church. As a preacher, he was one of the best. He was graduated from the Theological School of St. Lawrence University in 1899, beginning his work in the Universalist church at Geneva. In 1907, he was called to the pastorate of the Universalist Church in Utica, where he served until 1915. His pastorate in Akron, Ohio numbered thirty-one years and ended in 1946, when he entered his work in our church at Santa Paula, California.

Details concerning the memorial service have not come.

He received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from St. Lawrence University in 1926.

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