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DR. LEROY W. COONS

As briefly noted in last week's issue of this paper, the Reverend Leroy W. Coons, a graduate of the Theological School here and for 20 years the directing head of the Universalist churches in Massachusetts until his retirement in 1942, died on August 25 at his home in Brookline, Mass.

Although a native of Ohio, Dr. Leroy Coons spent fifty years as a minister in New England. His early pastorates were in Maine and in 1914 he became minister of the First Universalist Church in Haverhill, Mass. In 1922 he was appointed superintendent of Universalist churches in Massachusetts.

Death came to Dr. Coons on the fifty-first anniversary of his marriage to Miss Loraine Thomas of Canton. Theirs was the first wedding solemnized in the present Universalist church in this village. Dr. James M. Payson, of course, performed the ceremony.

Funeral services for Dr. Coons were held at Story Chapel, Mt. Auburn Cemetery, August 28.

Dr. Coons leaves his wife, Mrs. Loraine Thomas Coons; his son Quentin, and grandsons Winslow and William; and three sisters, Mrs. Kirk Hoffman, Greenville, O.; Mrs. E. O. Murray, New Paris, O.; and Mrs. Herbert Reinhart, Arcanum, O.

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