

[Cooper, Eugene Becklard]

Obituaries of Ministers Deceased During the Year

XIII. Mr. EUGENE BECKLARD COOPER, second son of Isaac and Jane Cooper, was born in the town of Russell, N.Y., May 6, 1852, and died in Dexter, N.Y., Sept. 24, 1877, of diphtheria, aged 25 years. He was in early life a Methodist, and was licensed by the Black River Methodist Conference as exhorter, but left that sect on embracing Universalism, entered the Theological School at Canton, Sept. 1873, and graduated in 1876. Soon after graduating, he took charge of the Universalists society, in Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y., where he labored successfully a year. He then accepted a call to Dexter, N.Y., and preached there one Sunday, when he was taken sick and suddenly passed away, to the great grief of all who had known him. He was industrious, modest, conscientious, amiable in disposition, and faithful in his work. He was true to his convictions, as shown by his leaving his former religious associates and refusing to accept a license to preach in their communion after his change of views, though urged to do so. His mind was well-cultivated and he was a very acceptable preacher. Among his last words were, "God is Love," and "I wish I could live to preach this truth." His end was peaceful and happy. His funeral was attended in the Baptist church in Russell, N.Y., where he had lived previous to attending the Theological School.

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