

[Lund, Charles Edward]

NECROLOGY

CHARLES EDWARD LUND was one of our most earnest and careful ministers. After battling bravely, and always hopefully, for more than a year with a mysterious disease that baffled the best medical skill, he passed away at Syracuse, N.Y., at the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Sunday evening, Aug. 12, 1906. The day previous he underwent an operation, from which he seemed to rally successfully; but he suddenly weakened, and, falling asleep, within an hour passed peacefully on.

Mr. Lund was born at Brooklyn, N.Y., July 15, 1863. He was brought up in the Methodist Church, and when converted to Universalism brought with him to his new faith a Methodistic fervor which always characterized his ministry. Giving up a lucrative business, he entered the Canton Theological School in 1894, graduating in 1897. He held pastorates at Orono, Me., Portland (Deering), Me., and Potsdam, N.Y.

Mr. Lund was a wide awake, energetic minister. Always an ardent champion of Universalism, he was thoroughly progressive and practical in the application of its principles both in his preaching and his general work. His sympathies were broad, and his spirit—in harmony with his faith—democratic. In each of his fields of labor his ministry was marked by exceptional offices for the poor and unfortunate, for whom he ever coveted the best things. He was a persistent and aggressive opponent of the liquor traffic and was keenly interested in all social questions. It is particularly to his credit that he never concealed his opinions on any question, but fearlessly took his stand, no matter how unpopular it might be, for whatever he deemed was right and made for human progress. Inevitably he invited criticism, but he also commanded respect as a straightforward, whole-souled man, who was no hireling, but thus honored his ministry. By temperament he was of a sunny nature, a genial companionable man, who brought good cheer into every circle he entered. His unfailing optimism did not desert him to the last hour of consciousness.

The funeral took place Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the Universalist church at Potsdam, in the presence of a sorrowing people who, during all Mr. Lund's long illness, have invariably shown exemplary considerateness, generosity and patience. The services were conducted by Revs. J.M. Atwood, assisted by Rev. Dr. G.S. Weaver and Revs. G.M. Gerish and H.E. Townsend. The interment was at Cypress Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Mr. Lund is survived by his father, Wm. Lund, his wife and one son, Russell E., a sophomore in St. Lawrence University.

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