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REV. CLARA E. MORGAN
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COHOCTON, N.Y., May 20.—The Rev. Clara E. Morgan, retired Universalist minister, died here yesterday in her home at the age of 67. She had served pastorates at South Dansville, Perry and Cohocton. Her last charge was Woodbury Memorial Universalist Church in Hornell from 1923 to 1929, when she retired. She was born in Cedarville, N.Y., the daughter of James and Lucinda Van Dusen Morgan.

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FORMER PASTOR HERE DIED IN COHOCTON

Pastor of the Universalist church in Perry from 1906 through 1923, the Rev. Clara Morgan died Tuesday evening, May 18, at her home in Cohocton. She had been in poor health since suffering a fractured hip in a fall about a year ago.

Miss Morgan went from Perry to Woodbury Memorial Universalist church in Hornell and was pastor there until 1929. That year she retired and moved to Cohocton where she had once held as pastorate. She was a native of Cedarville, and a daughter of Jas. and Lucinda VanDusen Morgan.

Private funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in a Cohocton funeral home, with the Rev. W. J. Semple of the Cohocton Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Ellis Pierce of Woodbury church officiating. The body was cremated¹.

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¹ Per record of Mr. Hope Cemetery, Rochester NY, her ashes were scattered on May 24.

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The death of the Rev. Clara E. Morgan at her home in Cohocton on May 18 came as a shock to her many friends in the Empire State. For the past three years, she had not been in good health and then her accident, last fall, when her hip was broken, had an upsetting effect. The funeral service on May 20 was conducted in the local funeral home by Dr. Ellis E. Pierce of Hornell and the Rev. W. T. Semple of the Presbyterian church in Cohocton. She is survived by a friend, Miss M. Louise Blanchard, who lived with her many years.

Miss Morgan was in her eighty-first year. She was born in Cedarville and following her graduation from the public school in Mohawk, she was employed several years on the village newspaper. She entered the class of 1898 in the Theological School of St. Lawrence University and her career in the Universalist ministry was outstanding. Her pastorates were at Nunda, Cohocton, Conesus, Dansville, Perry and Hornell.

She retired from the pastorate in Hornell in 1930, moving to Cohocton, where she resided until her death. She continued to serve as guest preacher in nearby churches. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Convention for several years and also served as a member of the Fellowship Committee. Her most successful pastorate was in the Universalist church at Perry. In every community, she was always a popular and useful minister and her friends were many in the area. She was always welcomed in the ministerial groups. As a Universalist minister, she stood first in her record in influencing parishioners to leave legacies to the State and General Conventions. She was a forceful speaker and always had a message. She proclaimed her Universalist faith without hesitation and embodied it in her personality and character.

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