

[Tobey, Julia B.]

REV. JULIA M. TOBEY

An illness which necessitated hospitalization for the Rev. Julia M. Tobey, pastor of the Universalist Church in Perry early in October, finally ended with her death in the Crouse-Irving Hospital in Syracuse on May 13. She suffered from a malignant growth on the lung, which could not be arrested. Her death takes from our ministry one of our most devoted and conscientious clergymen. She was sixty years of age.

Miss Tobey was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and from the Universalist church in this city she went to St. Lawrence University in Canton to prepare for the Universalist ministry. She was graduated in the class of 1920. For the ensuing nine years, she served the Universalist churches in Cicero and Central Square with a distinction that will always live. Her ill health necessitated her resignation and for the ensuing nine years she devoted herself to recovery. For two years she did social work in Syracuse. Then came the decision to return to the ministry and she accepted a call to the Universalist church in Perry in 1938.

She began her work at a nominal salary and growth was immediate and constant in the life of this church under her leadership. She was a community minister and the sympathy of the village went with her to the hospital in Warsaw last October. During her residence in Cicero, she had her home with Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien and truly this threesome has demonstrated what real friendship means. During her long illness Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien devoted themselves toward her welfare and recovery. Miss Tobey in her two pastorates was outstanding in her usefulness and success.

The funeral service on May 14 was conducted by Dr. Fred C. Leining in the Greenleaf Funeral Home in Syracuse. Miss Tobey is survived by an aunt and several cousins. Burial was in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Dr. John Murray Atwood assisted Dr. Leining in the funeral service.

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