

[Cook, James Munro]

James M. Cook<sup>1</sup>, Former School Principal, Dead  
At the Head of Public School No. 3 for Forty Years—  
Failing Health Cause of His Retirement

James M. Cook, for forty years principal of No. 3 school, died at 12 o'clock last night, aged about 62 years. He leaves, besides his wife [Anna W. Baldwin, whom he married on 28 Dec 1870 in Rochester], two sons, Edgar B. [Elizabeth Snow] Cook and James M. [Louise Warner] Cook, Jr.

Mr. Cook lived at No. 293 Monroe avenue. He was born in Chili. He was well and favorably known in educational circles throughout the state. Last fall he resigned the principalship of No. 3 school because of ill health. He had failed steadily since that time. Mr. Cook was a member of Genesee Falls Lodge F. & A.M. and of the I.O.O.F.

When Mr. Cook's resignation was received by the Board of Education, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Principal James M. Cook, we express our deep regret at the termination of his long and [?] successful service in the public schools of this city. For forty years he has presided over one of our public schools, showing the power and influence of the ideal teacher in molding the lives of successful generations into worthy manhood and womanhood. His life and work will always be an inspiration to all, both teachers and pupils, who have been associated with him. We earnestly hope for his complete recovery from his present illness, and for his continued prosperity in his retirement.

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<sup>1</sup> He was a member of the First Universalist Society of Rochester.