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SUDDEN DEATH MISS GERTRUDE M. ROBINSON
PRECEPTRESS NUNDA SCHOOL SHOCKS COMMUNITY

Prominent in Church, Lodge and Educational Circles—
Funeral Was Largely Attended at Universalist Church Yesterday

Death early Monday evening claimed Gertrude M. Robinson, preceptress of Nunda school, long prominent in educational, church and lodge circles. While eating lunch last Thursday noon, a chicken bone lodged in her throat. Dr. G. B. Campbell was called and ordered her removed at once to Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester. The bone was extracted, but an infection set in Monday, causing her death. The announcement of her death came at a time when it was generally supposed by her friends that she was making satisfactory recovery. Her death is a distinct loss to Nunda. Hundreds of boys and girls who read these lines will shed a silent tear for Miss Robinson, whose friendly interest and willing patience helped not a few of them over rough spots during their school days and just previous to examinations. Her interest did not cease here, but followed very many students through college and served as an inspiration for them to make good. Miss Robinson's unselfish interest in her pupils, over a long period of years, leaves behind her in the memory of her acquaintances a monument of love, honor and respect.

Gertrude M. Robinson was a graduate of Nunda high school and of St. Lawrence University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received her Master's Degree at Columbia University in New York. Miss Robinson had traveled extensively and a few years ago made a tour of European countries. She was president of the Nunda Woman's Relief Corps and secretary of the local Eastern Star Order at the time of her death.

Surviving relatives are her father, D. S. Robinson, Esq., one sister, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, a teacher in the Rochester schools, and two brothers, Max B. Robinson of Terrace Park, Ohio and Denton D. Robinson Esq. of this village, Livingston County Attorney.

Funeral services were held at the Universalist church yesterday afternoon, Rev. Edward C. Downey, pastor of the church, officiating. The Nunda high school faculty and student body, Woman's Relief Corps and Eastern Star attended the church service. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

Every seat in the Universalist church was occupied when the service commenced, Mr. Kenneth Willard presiding at the organ. Rev. Clara E. Morgan, classmate of Miss Robinson's at St. Lawrence University, and a former pastor here, assisted Rev. Downey in the service. The church altar was banked with beautiful floral tributes. Miss Robinson had been associated with the Universalist church the greater part of her life and had

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but recently again entered actively into the work of the Sunday school. Business was suspended in Nunda during the funeral and burial service. Over four hundred persons attended the church services. The Board of Education, high school faculty, students, members of the Woman's Relief Corps and Eastern Star and others marched to the cemetery in a body, where Rev's. Morgan and Downey officiated at the burial service.

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