

[Skeels, Lena Dunlap]

LENA DUNLAP SKEELS

Lena Dunlap Skeels, wife of Rev. W. H. Skeels, died suddenly at their home at Herkimer, N.Y., Saturday, June 25. Her sudden death came as a great shock to her friends and to the Church and community.

Mrs. Skeels was born in Boston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunlap. When a small child her parents removed to Akron, Ohio and later to Fitchburg, Mass. She entered St. Lawrence University in the Class of 1903. It was while at St. Lawrence that she met Mr. Skeels. Subsequent to their marriage and graduation in 1903, Mr. and Mrs. moved to California where Mr. Skeels was minister of our Santa Paula Church. There were later residences in New York State during pastorates here and during the time when Mr. Skeels served as State Superintendent and as General Secretary of our church. Mr. and Mrs. Skeels had been residing in California until last summer when they returned to New York State. Last autumn Mr. Skeels assumed the pastorate of the Church at Herkimer, where he and Mrs. Skeels found a happy home and a delightful field congenial to both and where already success had come to their united efforts.

Mrs. Skeels had been an active worker and leader in the Women's Missionary Society and was State President of New York State in 1913. She was always a counselor and friend in the parishes where her husband ministered and the universal expression of esteem in the city where she died revealed how broad and deep was the influence she extended to those who came in contact with her.

The funeral was held in the Herkimer Universalist church Tuesday, June 28, the State Superintendent officiating.

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