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MRS. LILLIAN S. TURNER

The sad news was announced early in December that Mrs. Lillian S. Turner of Oneonta had suffered a stroke and for this reason the installation service of the Rev. Richard H. Bird as pastor of the Chapin Memorial Universalist Church was postponed. Mrs. Turner was taken to the Fox Hospital in Oneonta where she was a patient for three weeks and her death occurred on December 21, in her eighty-ninth year. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Walter L. Brown and two cousins, Spencer Cowley of Middletown and Mrs. Sanford Chamberlin of Salisbury Mills. Funeral services in the Universalist Church were conducted by the Rev. Charles A. Wyman of Boston and the Rev. Richard H. Bird, pastor, on December 23.

Mrs. Turner was born at West Davenport, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Danforth. She attended school in Oneonta and after her graduation she became a teacher. She was married to Julius J. Turner in 1892; his death occurred in 1929.

She was the treasurer of the Women's Board of the Fox Hospital for twenty-five years, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Red Cross since the Oneonta Chapter was established.

Mrs. Turner was a charter member of the Chapin Memorial Universalist [Church] in Oneonta and her church was always first in her interest. She had been a teacher in the church school, president of the Ladies' Aid, chairman of the Board of Trustees and president of the Women's Universalist Missionary Association of New York State. She always maintained a devoted interest in denominational enterprises and everything Universalist had her generous support. With her sister, Mrs. Brown, she placed the Oneonta church in the leadership among the contributors to the Unified Appeal. She gave generously to the Universalist Publishing House and to the J. M. Atwood Fund Campaign of the Theological School of St. Lawrence University... She always gave to the Emergency Fund of the State Superintendent.

It was always a joy to be in her home and she always desired denominational news. Her helping hand was always in the welfare work of her city, particularly the Fox Hospital. She has finished her course and she lived the Universalist faith.

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