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ERNEST A. YOUNG

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After a long and tedious illness, Ernest A. Young passed to the Beyond on January 30. He had been a member of the Universalist Church in Binghamton for thirty-five years and a member of the official board for thirty years. We accepted his resignation from that board less than a month before his death and we did it with the deepest regret. His physical condition demanded his withdrawal. He served as moderator of the parish for ten years and for a decade he served as treasurer of the church fund. He was chairman of the house committee for many years, bringing to the position a thorough knowledge in matters of building and repairing.

He was the head of the builders' hardware department in the Babcock, Hine and Underwood Company for twenty years and this position brought him into contact with many people. His customers regarded him as a personal friend. He was known as "Ernie" to the high and low. If I spoke of Mr. Ernest A. Young, I discovered the thoughtful look of mental searching in the eyes of the person addressed. The use of the diminutive of the first name denotes friendship and affection.

He served on the Sick Committee of the Odd Fellows for years and similarly in his calls on the sick and troubled in his parish he displayed a rare skill. Quiet and unassuming; attending strictly to his own affairs, yet he attended largely to the affairs of others at their request. He had the confidence of many and they came to him for advice, favors and services as in settling estates. He was a man who finished the task with all loose ends tucked in and through fair days and stormy he served all, who sought his service, with equal faithfulness.

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