

Emerson McLaughlin, eight years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McLaughlin, of College Corner died at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning from a complication of measles and meningitis.

Funeral from the residence at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and interment at Liber Cemetery.

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Emerson, son of W. H. and Annie M. McLaughlin, was born November 9, 1895 and died August 16, 1904, aged 8 years, 9 months and 7 days. Emerson was of a bright, cheerful disposition, carrying sunshine and joy, not only into the home of his parents, but also into the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Weber, where he spent much of his time. In school he learned rapidly and was a great favorite with his schoolmates and teachers and the beautiful flowers placed by loving hands on his coffin were but emblematic of the many kind acts and winning smiles he scattered about him in the few short years he lived.

Emerson was taken sick August 8<sup>th</sup> with measles, but on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> the disease took the form of spinal meningitis and from that time until relieved by death, he suffered immensely.

Our darling is gone. In the home and in the Sabbath School which he so dearly loved there is a vacant seat.

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