

DRINKS ACID BY MISTAKE

**SIMON P. COOK SWALLOWS FATAL
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MEDICINE.**

DEATH IS INSTANTANEOUS

**CONSIDERED BRIGHTEST PUPIL IN
HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '03.**

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Was Somewhat Broken.**

In the death of Simon P. Cook, who yesterday morning drank a quantity of carbolic acid while under the impression that he was taking a dose of medicine, the high school class of 1903 loses a young man recognized to have been the leader of his class, a young man of exceptional brightness in all

branches of the work he was engaged in, and who so studiously applied himself as to cause the breaking down of his health.

Young Cook had been studying hard all summer in preparation for his fall school work, and after breakfast yesterday morning about nine o'clock, in accordance with his usual custom, he started out to take a walk in company with a relative, S. Y. Josephs. He met several companions, and was in excellent spirits.

Returning to his home at 314 East Second street, he went up to his room to study and about 11:30 o'clock his mother went to the door and called to him. Receiving no reply she entered the room to find him dying.

It was thought at first that the cause of the youth's demise was due to heart failure, but as there was some question an autopsy was held and was conducted by Dr. W. R. Bagley. It revealed the fact that the boy had taken a dose of carbolic acid and a partially emptied vial was found in the room, beside some bottles of medicine. According to the statement of the doctor, death must have been instantaneous, as the quantity of acid taken was enough to cook the lining of the stomach.

Young Cook was seventeen years of age, and besides his mother he leaves four brothers and three sisters. The latter are Mrs. Hyman Y. Josephs, of Duluth; Mrs. A. L. Shapiro, of Duluth. The brothers are B. J., M. S., Julius and M. J. Cook, all of this city.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, and interment will be in the Hebrew synagogue cemetery. His school associates are all invited to attend.