THE REV. CYRUS H. FAY DEAD
Well Known Brooklyn Minister Succumbs to Paralysis While on His Vacation

A message was received in Brooklyn yesterday announcing the death, on Thursday, in Stamford, N.Y., of the Dr. Rev. Cyrus H. Fay from paralysis.

Dr. Fay was born in 1815 in Lebanon, N.H. He was graduated from the Norwich (Vt.) University in 1837, and was the first valedictorian of the institution. He was a nephew of Captain Alden Partridge, first president of the university. While studying theology he taught school in Baltimore, Md.

In 1859 he supplied the pulpit of a Universalist society in Hartford, Conn., where he preached his first sermon. He preached the same year for the Lombard Street Society in Philadelphia, and in 1840 accepted the pastorate of the North Universalist society in Roxbury, Mass., where he remained nine years, resigning on account of ill health. His next call was to the Orchard Street Universalist Society, in this city, where he remained four and a half years.

His succeeding pastorates were in Nashua, N.H.; Stamford, Conn., and Middletown, Conn. In 1858 he was elected pastor of the First Universalist Society in Providence, R.I., and remained there until 1868, when he returned to Middletown, Conn. In 1873 Dr. Fay removed to Washington, D. C., and in 1877 he came to Brooklyn, where he had since resided. He was a member of All Souls’ Church [First Universalist Church of Williamsburgh] and frequently appeared in the pulpit. He possessed great literary ability, and wrote many of the hymns now used by Universalist societies.

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The Rev. Dr. Cyrus H. Fay, who had occupied Universalist pulpits of prominence in various cities in the East, died on Thursday at Stamford, N.Y. The funeral will be held from his Brooklyn home, No. 441 Green-ave., where he had lived since he retired from active ministerial work, in 1877.

Mr. Fay was born in Lebanon, N.H., in 1815, and was graduated from Norwich University, in Vermont, in 1837. After studying theology he began preaching in a Universalist church in Hartford, Conn., in 1839. Subsequently he was pastor of the following churches of that denomination: Lombard Street, Philadelphia; North, at Woodstock, Vt.; Roxbury, Mass.; Orchard Street, New-York; Nashua, N.H.; Stamford, Conn.; Middletown, Conn.; and Providence, R.I.

In 1873 Dr. Fay went to Washington to found a Memorial Universalist church, and remained as its pastor until his retirement in 1877. He received the degrees of D.D. from St. Lawrence University and of LL. D. from Norwich University. Dr. Fay leaves four daughters and a son, Professor Charles E. Fay, of Tufts College.


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