

[Fish, Edwin]

TWO DEATHS AT MCLEAN.

Two people will be missed in the Universalist Church.

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McLean, May 22.—The Universalist church of McLean loses two of its staunch friends and members in the recent death of Mr. Edwin Fish, aged 62 years, and Mrs. Emeline Boynton, aged 88 years and 8 months.

Mr. Fish was a deacon of the church and one of its ardent supporters. With his keen intellect and fine spiritual nature the "larger hope" always appealed forcibly to his mind and heart. To him, God was the Father of all, and he saw in every man his brother. He was no more afraid to die than to live, as no man should be. To the last he took an ardent interest in all progressive and modern religious thought. To his pastor he said shortly before his death, "I have grown to be a much broader man in my thoughts within the last few years, and that knowledge is a comfort to me now." His religious faith cheered and sustained him to the very last and grew stronger as the body grew weaker. He was strong in his convictions upon any question in which he was interested, and he was interested in many; but he always admired and respected an honest opponent; he did not respect a man with no convictions.

The funeral of Mr. Fish was held at his late home May 2, under the auspices of the G.A.R., the tattered old battle flag under which he fought draping his coffin; and Mrs. Boynton's funeral was the next day, their pastor, Rev. U. S. Milburn, officiating at both. They were laid to rest in the McLean cemetery.

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