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REV. JOHN C. ADAMS DIES IN HARTFORD
Was Pastor of All Souls', Brooklyn, 11 Years

The Rev. Dr. John Coleman Adams, who was pastor of All Souls Universalist Church for 11 years, when it was on So. 9th st., succeeding the late Rev. Almon Gunnison, D.D., in 1890, died yesterday in Hartford, where for the past 21 years, since leaving Brooklyn, he had been pastor of the Universalist Church of the Redeemer.

Dr. Adams, since his entry into its ministry, had been regarded as one of the real leaders of the Universalist Church in America. He was an intellectual man, a student, and an able and convincing speaker, and his sermons at All Souls are still remembered as fine specimens of the best pulpit oratory of the time. When he accepted the call to Hartford, his resignation was accepted with genuine regret, and his friends in Brooklyn were gratified to learn that his influence for good in Hartford was just as potent as it had been in Brooklyn.

Dr. Adams was born at Malden, Mass., in 1849. He came of Revolutionary ancestry on the maternal side. His mother was Mary Hull Barrett, granddaughter of Col. Nathan Barrett, who led the Concord Company at the Battle of Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775. His father was the late Rev. Dr. John G. Adams, a Universalist minister of deep learning and piety.

Dr. Adams was graduated from Tufts College in 1870 and from Tufts Divinity School in 1872. He afterward received the degree of A. M. by special studies and in 1888 received the degree of D.D. from Tufts.

Dr. Adams' first pastorate was at the Newton Universalist Church, at Newtonville, Mass., where he remained from 1872 to 1880. From there he went to the First Universalist Church, Chicago, which he built up into a splendid institution.

During Dr. Adams' pastorate of All Souls the church prospered wonderfully. It was unhampered by debt of any kind and Dr. Adams was free to devote all his time to its spiritual needs. He took a keen interest in civic matters; was always in great demand as a lecturer and frequently appeared in the courses of the Brooklyn Institute. For several years he conducted in All Souls Church a series of free lectures for the children of the public schools, and prizes were given to the children writing the best essays on the subject of these lectures. Among the men who appeared in these courses were Lt. Peary, Gen. Horace Porter and many others of equal prominence.

Dr. Adams was an author of note, one of his books being a fine descriptive volume on the Berkshire Hills. He had kept in touch with

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Brooklyn since he left here by reading *The Eagle*, and about ten years ago wrote a long letter to its editor, telling of the delight he took in perusing its pages, especially the editorials of the late Dr. McKelway.

Surviving Dr. Adams are his wife and two daughters. A son [John Alden Adams] died some years ago [in 1916].

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DR. ADAMS' FUNERAL HELD IN HARTFORD

HARTFORD, Conn., June 26.—The funeral of the Rev. Dr. John Coleman Adams, formerly pastor of All Souls' Universalist Church of Brooklyn, who died Friday at his pastorate, the Church of the Redeemer, here, was held at 4 P.M. yesterday. Interment to-day was at Newtonville, Mass.

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