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THE REV. DR. C. H. EATON DEAD
Distinguished New York Divine Passes Away in North Carolina

TRYON, N.C., April 14.—The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Eaton died of angina pectoris to-day. The body on its arrival in New York will be placed in the Memorial Chapel of the Church of the Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist Society of the City of New York], and the family will go to the Hotel Majestic. Dr. Eaton was pastor of the church.

Dr. Eaton succeeded to the pulpit of the Church of the Divine Paternity upon the death of the Rev. E. H. Chapin, and had been its pastor for twenty-one years. His illness was known to be of a serious character for a little more than a week. He left New York in the middle of January, and, after a visit to Hibernia, Fla., went to Tryon, N.C. Reports of his condition were frequently given out at his house, 319 West Seventy-eighth Street, and were read by the Rev. Dr. Hall from his pulpit at the various services of the church. His trouble was angina pectoris. Mrs. Eaton accompanied him on his travels, and his daughter and son were summoned to his bedside about ten days ago, although hope for his recovery had not then been abandoned.

Dr. Eaton was born at Beverly, Mass., Aug. 15, 1852, and was a son of the Rev. Henry Arthur Eaton of Worcester, Mass. Both his parents died during his childhood and he was adopted by E. D. Draper of Roxbury, Mass. He began his studies at the Dean Academy in Franklin, Mass. After fitting himself for college in the Barry Academy, he entered Tufts College, graduating in the Class of 1874, and then studying for the ministry in Tufts College Divinity School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1877.

During his last year of study at the Divinity School he preached at Palmer, Mass., being ordained at that place, and at South Berwick, Me. When he was graduated, both these places called him. During his college course he had been instrumental in erecting a church at South Berwick and had freed it from debt. Believing that his work in the Maine pulpit was complete, he accepted the call of the Palmer society, and in three years' work with them succeeded in erecting a church edifice, the cost of which aggregated \$22,000.

Dr. Eaton contributed many magazine articles to the Magazine of Civics and the North American Review.

The breaking down of his health is believed to be due in no small measure to his arduous literary work. During the McKinley memorial services he became ill and was compelled to leave the city. He intended to return home about May 1, but became steadily worse.

Dr. Eaton married Emily Mary Stuart in 1895. She was a niece of George M. Pullman.

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As a speaker Dr. Eaton was earnest and impressive. He was a fluent speaker, seldom taking manuscript into the pulpit.

George H. Carey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, received word from Tyron yesterday that the minister's condition was very serious and a little later came a dispatch announcing his death. No funeral arrangements had as yet been made.

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