

[Fisk, Richmond]

Rev. Dr. Richmond Fisk
Former Minister of Newark Church Dead in Massachusetts

Newark, Feb. 4.—Word has been received here of the death of Rev. Dr. Richmond Fisk in his home at Ayer, Mass., three days ago [1 Feb 1916]. Dr. Fisk was minister of the Universalist Church here from 1863[?] to 1865. He was born in Vermont over eighty years ago, [and] was graduated from Albany Law School, but later entered the ministry and was ordained in 1861.

He was the tenth pastor of the Universalist Society which was founded in this village in 1837. When in Newark, Dr. Fisk married Adelaide Bartle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Bartle of Newark, besides whom he leaves one daughter. In 1868 Dr. Fisk became president of the St. Lawrence University in Canton, N. Y., and from 1873 to 1877 he was the head of Smithson College in Muncie, Ind. He was prominent in the old rationalist school of the Universalist Church and was one of the authors of the widely-read book, "Essays, Doctrinal and Practical," which was published in 1889. While [?] he joined the Masons.

When the Universalists built their new church in 1871, Dr. Fisk preached the farewell sermon in the old church, which stood near the Northern Central railroad in Church street. For the last few years he was unable to be very active owing to his failing health.

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