

[Ottoway, Edmund R.]

DEATH OF REV. E. R. OTTOWAY

It is with inexpressible sadness that the friends of Rev. Edmund R. Ottoway learn of his decease, which occurred yesterday afternoon at his residence, No. 14 Marshall st. He was a man who was universally admired and beloved, being held in scarcely less than personal regard by all who knew him. He was a credit to the community in which he set a noble example by his unswerving integrity, his strict devotion to duty and his tireless activity in ministering to the welfare and happiness of others. Mr. Ottoway was born in Headcorn, Kent county, England May 16th, 1818 and came to this country at the age of 14 years. He married in 1837, Miss Caroline Baker, eldest daughter of John Baker of Brockport. He had been a resident of this city since 1843, passing much time, however, at intervals in neighboring towns preaching the gospel from the standpoint of the Universalist faith which he embraced early in life. He was licensed to preach thirty-five years ago, and held pastorates in Clarendon, Alcott, and elsewhere. He was a deep thinker and an impressive speaker. His chief success lay in the fact that he touched sympathetic chords in the hearts of all who listened to him. His aim and purpose seemed to be more to console than to convince, and many a family upon whom the hand of affliction has been laid will recall with tears of thankfulness his kindly ministrations. His hand was ever outstretched to assist those who were susceptible of Christian consolation and support. His willing usefulness gained him the esteem of everybody. He served one or more terms in the Board of Education during a most important period in the history of our common schools. His devoted wife survives him, and his two loving daughters, Mrs. H. S. Fitch of Chicago and Miss Nellie Ottoway of this city.

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