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DR. RICE'S SUDDEN DEATH IN BOSTON ON JULY 11

For several years, Dr. Clarence E. Rice has been in poor health. This condition necessitated his resignation from the pastorate of St. Paul's Universalist Church in Springfield, Mass. An improvement in health followed and he accepted a call to the Universalist church in Washington, D.C., previous to the pastorate of Dr. Frederick W. Perkins. On July 11, he died suddenly in his apartment in Boston. On July 14, Dr. Richard Eddy Sykes and Dr. John Van Schaick, Jr., conducted the services at the interment of his ashes at New York Mills, a small village near Utica. In January of last year, Mrs. Rice died in Naples, Italy, while they were en route to Egypt. Mrs. Rice was a native of New York Mills, her maiden name being Mary Campbell Peckham. Their marriage took place in 1900. Rev. Otis R. Rice, a son who is an Episcopal clergyman, a sister and two brothers survive him.

Dr. Rice was born in Watertown, December 1, 1860. He was the son of a Universalist minister, Rev. Luther Rice and Mary Skinner. Following his graduation from the Watertown high school, he entered Tufts College, graduating in the class of 1863. His alma mater honored him in 1905 with the degree of doctor of divinity. His pastorates were as follows: Cambridge, Mass.; Utica; Troy; Reading, Pa.; Springfield, Mass.; and Washington, D.C. He served a three years' term as a trustee of the New York Convention of Universalists. His career was one of most consecrated service. By his will, the National Memorial Church in Washington received a bequest of \$1,000.

From 1892-1898, Mr. Rice was a Universalist missionary in Japan with a noteworthy record. Following his return to the country, he did much to acquaint the churches of the home field with the work of the Japan Mission. It happened that when he began his journey to Japan, he went from the west door of the New York Central depot in Richland. After his seven years' service, he returned to this country via Europe. Leaving New York City, he went by train to Richland, entering the depot by the east door, thereby really going around the world. He was one of the first Universalist missionaries to live in Japan.

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