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NECROLOGY

JAMES HARVEY TUTTLE, D.D., was born July 27, 1824, in Salisbury, N.Y., and died at the residence of his son, in the city of New York, Dec. 7, 1903. His parents were Baptists, and his own theological opinions were of that nature, but in dawning manhood he became a Universalist, and began to preach before he was nineteen years of age, his Letter of Fellowship having been granted June 15, 1843, and his ordination taking place at a Conference of the Otsego Association, at Richfield Springs, N.Y., January 11, 1844. A year or more later than this, he took a course of theological instruction under the late Rev. Dr. T.J. [Thomas Jefferson] Sawyer, then conducting a Theological Seminary at Clinton, N.Y. Mr. Tuttle was pastor at Richfield Springs at the time of his ordination and remained there three years, when, during a portion of the years 1847 and 1848, he took the field as agent of the Clinton Liberal Institute, soliciting funds for the relief of its financial embarrassments and the erection of a new building for the Female Department. Some time in 1848, he became pastor at Fulton, N.Y., where he remained five years, when he became pastor at Rochester, from whence he was called in 1859 to the Church of the Redeemer, in Chicago, Ill., "and carried the church, then in the crisis of its early history, successfully through the trying and sorrowful years of the [civil] war, resigning in 1866. In the summer of that year came the call to Minneapolis, than in the infancy of its wonderful development, where the providential work of his life opened before him, and where he spent the last thirty years of his ministerial life. The Church of the Redeemer of Minneapolis, established only two years previous to the coming of Dr. Tuttle, under his active ministry of more than a quarter of a century, became the leading Universalist Church of the Northwest, rich in wealth, numbers and influence; and to this day remains, with its beautiful and costly edifice, the third erected in its history, a memorial to the success of Dr. Tuttle's ministry. But a higher success than is evinced by these outward triumphs of his Minneapolis pastorate, is the deep and abiding influence which he has wrought among all the people, in the hearts that loved him well, who will cherish his memory in sincere affection now that he has been called home.

"Dr. Tuttle was known and honored by people of all religious beliefs, and of no belief. Regardless of creed, hundreds in doubt and trouble sought his counsel and consolation. He knew how to rejoice with those who rejoice, and how to weep with those who weep. He was a Christian minister in the noblest sense of the word, loving the faith and living the life."

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