

[Vail, Charles Henry]

**Auburn Pastor's Death Follows Sunday Church Services  
Dr. Charles H. Vail, Universalist Minister, Stricken Suddenly—  
Administered Baptism Few Hours Before End**

Rev. Charles Henry Vail, D.D., 55, pastor of the first Universalist Church in this city since November 1922, died suddenly at his home, [13½?] Court-st. about 7 o'clock last evening, a victim of apoplexy.

His death came as a shock to his congregation and his many other friends in this city. Doctor Vail conducted services at the church in South-st. yesterday morning and baptized a large class of children and adults. He was not feeling well and did not preach at the morning service.

At lunch hour at his home he complained of feeling weak but when Mrs. Vail suggested calling a physician he declared he would be all right soon. Dr. E. W. Hitchcock was called although Doctor Vail remonstrated against a physician being summoned. Shortly after the physician left the house, Doctor Vail sank into a semi-stupor from which he did not rally. He died at 7 o'clock.

Doctor Vail was born in Tully, N.Y. April 28, 1866. He was graduated from St. Lawrence University and received his degree of doctor of divinity from that institution in 1892.

During the 32 years of his ministry he was pastor of a number of Universalist churches. His earlier days in the ministry were spent at Albany. Later he went to Jersey City, N.J. and then to Richfield Springs, N.Y. He was later minister at the Church of Good Tidings in Brooklyn, and at the Pullman Memorial Church at Albion, N.Y. Before coming to Auburn in November, 1922, Doctor Vail was pastor for a number of years at St. Paul's Universalist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Doctor Vail was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and of the Mystic Shrine. He was widely known as the author of several volumes on Masonry. He was also a student of and writer on symbolism, ancient and modern.

He joined the Universalist Church before entering college.

His only survivor is his widow.

Doctor Vail followed Rev. John P. Price as pastor of the local Universalist Church, coming to that congregation when it had been without a pastor for several months...

Rev. Dr. Vail also served the Universalist church at Mottville as pastor and was announced to conduct services there last Sunday afternoon. He also served as pastor of the Universalist Church at Scipio.

Funeral services were held at the Universalist Church in Auburn at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. Burial in Tully Thursday.

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### BROOKLYN CALLS AUTHOR-PREACHER

Church of Good Tidings Will Get Answer From the Rev. Chas. H. Vail This Week  
NOW STATIONED AT ALBION  
An Ardent Advocate of Social Reform, but Does Not discuss It From Pulpit

Buffalo, May 1—The Rev. Charles Henry Vail, pastor of the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church of Albion, N.Y., who has received a unanimous call from the Universalist Church of Good Tidings, Stuyvesant avenue and Madison street, will decide within the next week whether he will accept.

The Rev. Mr. Vail was born in Tully, N.Y., April 28, 1866. After finishing his early education, he took up the study of music under the direction of Dr. H. R. Palmer of New York City. Later, Mr. Vail taught music, vocal and instrumental, in Central New York. While so engaged in Syracuse he became interested in the Universalist Church, and decided to enter its ministry. In 1889 he became a student at the St. Lawrence University Theological School, from which he was graduated in 1892. The following year he returned to the university for a year for a post-graduate course. As a student he was soloist in the university glee club, and was prominent in its guitar and mandolin club.

He was married July 7, 1892, to Miss Nina Bedell of Geneva, N.Y., a classmate in the Divinity School and a graduate in the class of '93.

Mr. Vail's first charge was at Albany, N.Y. At the conclusion of his first year's pastorate, he was called to the First Universalist Church of Jersey City, in which field he labored seven years. He resigned that pastorate to enter the lecture field, and during two years spoke from Maine to California, under the direction of the National Lecture Bureau.

In 1902 he again took up the active ministry, and accepted a call to Richfield Springs, N.Y. In 1906 he resigned it and became pastor of the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church at Albion, N.Y.

Mr. Vail is a well known author. His works include: "National Ownership of Railways," "Modern Socialism," "The Industrial Evolution," "Principle of Scientific Socialism," "The Negro Question," "The Mission of the Working Class," "The Socialist Movement," "Militant and Triumphant Socialism," "Ancient Mysteries and Modern Masonry," "The World's Saviors," "The Divine Existence" (in preparation).

These works have had a wide circulation, many of the earlier sociological works having passed through twelve to fifteen editions. Mr. Vail is a recognized authority on economic questions. He is a 32d degree Mason. His work on Masonry has also received remarkable recognition and commendation. Mr. Vail's work, "The World's Saviors," was published simultaneously in New York and London. While an ardent advocate of social reform, Mr. Vail differs from some in that he believes that the pulpit is not the place for social reform measures. The business of the church, he maintains, is to minister to the moral and spiritual needs of the people. He credits his success in the ministry to the fact that he has always in his preaching adhered to this principle.

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