

[Tanner, Fred William]

FRED WILLIAM TANNER

Known to all New York Universalists by his regular attendance at State Convention and area meetings, Fred Tanner will be greatly missed, for we know he would have been at Canton this next October if he were living. He died on July 4 last in the town of Albion where he was born, January 3, 1870. He was the youngest son of William A. and Polly Jaquith Tanner, who were likewise devoted Universalists. From childhood through his sunset years he was ever an active and faithful member of his church. He was originally connected with the old Fair Haven Universalist society, and was still a trustee of this society at the time of his death.

With the building of the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church in Albion, the sphere of his church actively changed. Upon the death of his father in 1893, he was elected at the next annual meeting to fill his father's unexpired term as a trustee of the church and continued in that capacity for 33 years. He also had served his church as Superintendent of the Church School, as President of the Niagara Association of Universalists, as a delegate to several General Assemblies of the Universalist Church of America.

His active and vital participation in the Universalist Church was due to his own felt need as well as his concern for its work. His faith found expression in his daily life in the many areas of his interest and concern. His religion was not one of form, but a living reality in his long and fruitful life.

Fred Tanner was a great Universalist, clear thinking, loyally devoted, firm, kind, considerate and a great asset to the cause of liberal religion in his community. His church, locally and at large, is the richer because he lived and served.

He leaves his wife, Nellie Tanner, to whom we express our profound sympathy in her loss.

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