

Dr. A. W. Grose Named Pastor of All Souls Church

Noted Rochester Divine Is Unanimous Choice of Parish to Succeed Dr. Bartlett

By unanimous choice of the parish of All Souls Universalist Church last night, the Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Grose, former pastor of the First Universalist Church, in Rochester, N. Y., and a noted lecturer, editor and war worker, was named pastor to succeed the Rev. Dr. A. Eugene Bartlett, who resigned last spring to become pastor of the Congregational Church at Pontiac, Mich.

At the meeting of the parish, held at the church, Ocean and Ditmas aves., it was also decided to dispose of the parsonage to Dr. Frank G. Young. The parsonage is located at 725 Kenmore pl. When Fortescue C. Metcalfe reported to the meeting that the board of trustees had found a purchaser and recommended the sale, the deal was authorized.

Dwight R. Little acted as chairman of last night's meeting. Frank L. Bryant, president of the board of trustees, presented Dr. Grose's name to the gathering, announcing that it had been unanimously reported to his board by the pulpit committee, and unanimously submitted to the parish by the board.

Dr. Grose, who is now located in Boston doing community service work, is expected to continue to fill the pulpit until Dec. 1, when he will assume his pastoral duties.

Wins High Honors at Tufts

Dr. Grose was born in Abingdon, Mass., July 17, 1869. After preparing at Thayer Academy, he was graduated from Tufts College with high honors in 1891. He completed his divinity course in the Crane Theological School at Tufts in 1894. His first pastorate was at Stoughton, Mass., where he stayed till 1901. From then until 1905 he was pastor at the Pullman Memorial Church at Albion, N. Y. where he left to take charge of the First Universalist Church in Rochester. There he had a most successful ministry of 14 years, remaining until 1918. In 1908 he received the Doctor of Divinity degree at Tufts. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

At various times he has been a lecturer Tufts College and St. Lawrence University, and is now a nonresident lecturer at Tufts. Dr. Grose had been deeply interested in educational work and had many opportunities to enter it, having declined three professorships and one deanship in leading colleges. While in Stoughton he was chairman of the school board, and in Rochester, in 1907, he was a member of a special committee of three which reorganized the public schools of that city.

His War Service

On the entry of America in the World War, Dr. Grose joined the Y.M.C.A. staff and was sent to France in 1917. There he was assigned to the Foyer du Soldat and was stationed with the Fourth French Army at headquarters, Charlons Sur Marne, 1917-18. He was decorated by the French Ministry of War with the Medal de la Grande Guerre for service in the advanced area. For a period he then acted as special lecturer in the A. E. F.

Early in 1919, Dr. Grose was attached to General Headquarters, A.E.F., where he was associated with Senior Chaplain Bishop Charles H. Brent and others in the promotion of "Comrades in Service," the forerunner of the American Legion. Upon the return of Bishop Brent to America, Dr. Grose became the head of this organization of 200,000 members of the A.E.F. He served on the Army Educational Commission in France and was consulting specialist in moral training, education and recreation in the American Army.

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An interesting event happened just at the close of the war, during the drive for the United War Fund. Dr. Grose had been scheduled to speak in Brooklyn with Boro President Riegelmann on behalf of the drive, on the night of Nov. 11. When that date arrived, Brooklyn and the world was celebrating the signing of the Armistice, so that Dr. Grose's drive speech was changed into a last-minute paean of victory.

Dr. Grose was transferred in November, 1919 to the office of the Chief of Staff, U.S.A., in Washington, where he remained until June, 1921. A new system of regulations he devised for training in morals and citizenship was accepted by General Pershing and later put into effect by Major General Haan as part of the present Army requirements.

From the Army Dr. Grose went into the service of the Playground and Recreation Association of America and Community Service, where he was serving as special field representative in charge of New England when he accepted the call to All Souls. In this work he has acted as consultant to towns, cities and factories in constructive use of leisure time for citizenship building.

Dr. Grose has also had considerable editorial experience. He was editor of *Onward*, a denominational paper, in 1894-5-6; editor of *Comrades in Service*, published bi-weekly in Paris for the A.E.F.; editor in association with John Kendrick Gangs, of "Home, Then What?" (Doran), 1920.

Active in Masonry

Dr. Grose is active in Masonry, being a 33d degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is Past Grand Chaplain of the State of New York and past prelate, Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar.

Dr. Grose has two children, Sarah Louise Grose, a graduate of Vassar 1920, who is now a teacher in Baltimore, Md., and Arthur Dexter Grose, Tufts 1922, now connected with the Boston Globe. He was married to his second wife, Mrs. Ada Morse Grose, on Sept. 17, 1921. Mrs. Grose is a Californian, a graduate of Leland Stanford University. She is active in the D.A.R. and the Mayflower Society. Mrs. Grose has traveled extensively, having lived three years in Japan and several years in Europe. For several years she was private secretary of Dr. David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University.

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