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Rev. Daniel Ballou

UTICA, Feb. 17.—Rev. Daniel Ballou died at his home, 16 Kemble street, yesterday morning. Early in January Mr. Ballou contracted a severe cold while officiating at a funeral in Middleville. Pneumonia resulted and was the cause of death.

Daniel Ballou was born in Norwich, Chenango county, N.Y., December 9, 1838. Among his ancestors were Hosea Ballou, an early Universalist minister, and Hosea Ballou, long president of Tufts College. Mr. Ballou graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1861 and settled in Oxford, Chenango county, where he was ordained and preached for two years, when he came to Utica and was made pastor of the Church of the Reconciliation, which he served for ten years. He was very successful in uniting the congregation and in paying off a large debt which the church had on hand when he assumed charge of it. He had lived in Utica since and had devoted his time and services to an independent missionary in the Universalist Church.

Mr. Ballou had organized new societies and built new churches at Colliersville in Otsego county, and at Poolville in Madison county. He had rebuilt of churches at Fort Plain, Minden, Frankfort, Mohaw, Lee Center, Sherburne, Columbus, Oxford and other places. He was a member of the New York State Universalist convention [Convention of Universalists] and attended its annual meetings regularly. He was also a member of the General convention of the Universalist Church and usually attended its sessions. Since 1868 he had been a trustee of Clinton Liberal Institute, being elected secretary of the board while it was located at Clinton. Mr. Ballou was one of the first to suggest the removal of the institute to Fort Plain and work long and earnestly to accomplish that object. Since 1844 Mr. Ballou had been one of the trustees of St. Lawrence University. He was a member of the New York Central Association of Universalists and had held every position in it. He was a man of great literary ability and contributed frequently to the columns of the Universalist Leader and the Star in the West. He was very prominent as a mason. Since 1888 he had been a member of C.Y.N. Farmers Club.

In October, 1832, Mr. Ballou married Betsey M. Webb of Oxford, who is living. His children are Charles H., Edwin A., of the Utica Observer, Amy Leonora, Elizabeth M. and George D., all of Utica. Mr. Ballou had one brother, who died in 1896.

The funeral will be held from the Church of the Reconciliation tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. A. J. Canfield of Brooklyn, a classmate of Rev. Mr. Ballou at St. Lawrence University, who succeeded him as pastor of the Church of the Reconciliation in this city, will be one of the officiating clergymen.

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DANIEL BALLOU, born in Norwich, N.Y. December 9, 1838, died in Utica, N.Y., February 16, 1902. He was in the sixth generation from Rev. Maturin Ballou, the great, great grandfather of the eminent Rev. Hosea Ballou. He fitted for the ministry in the Canton Theological School, being a member of its first class, and graduated April 16, 1861. His first settlement was at Oxford, N.Y., where he was ordained sometime in 1861. After three years service in Oxford, he took the pastorate at Utica, N.Y., which he filled five years, when he accepted a call to Indianapolis, Ind. While waiting at the railroad station for a train to bring him back for his family, a cyclone wrecked the building and inflicted upon him serious and permanent injury. As soon as possible he was taken to Utica, which was ever after his permanent home, and where for two years his injuries incapacitated him for work. The remaining thirty-two years of his life were actively employed in his serving as pastor or supply in Rome and Lee Center, Fort Plain and Minden, Sherburne, Poolville, Madison, Frankfort, Mohawk and several other parishes not far distant from his home. At the time of his death, which was caused by Bright's disease and heart failure supervening on pneumonia, he was pastor at Bridgewater.

"Daniel Ballou was a man of large stature, good intelligence, wide sympathies, religious vitality, practical sense and executive ability." Since 1866 he was, to the time of his death, one of the trustees of the Clinton Liberal Institute and for the most of that period the Secretary of the Board. For the last thirteen years he was also an active and useful member of the Board of Trustees of St. Lawrence University. During the course of his ministry he officiated at 4,710 services, of which number 1,173 were funerals. "Gifted in prayer, which seemed the atmosphere of his soul, saturated with the faith of Universalism whose lofty hopes and tender consolations he voiced in scores of pulpits, and hundreds of homes of bereavement in Central New York, he was true in his word and work alike to the vows of his young manhood and will be held in grateful remembrance by thousands whose hearts he had touched to quicken or console."

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