

[Crosley, Marion]

MINISTER STRICKEN ON PASSENGER TRAIN

The Rev. Marion Crosley, Former Utica Pastor,  
Died Suddenly From Hardening of Arteries

Enroute to his home in Muncie, Ind., early to-day, the Rev. Marion Crosley, former pastor of the Church of the Reconciliation of this city, passed away aboard a passenger train. Death came suddenly, due to hardening of the arteries. The Rev. Mr. Crosley was on his way to his home from Florida when death occurred.

Marion Crowley was born in Warren County, O., December 19, 1838. His education was received in Warren County, where he attended the National University at Lebanon. He became a Universalist minister and was licensed and ordained to preach in Montgomery, near Cincinnati. Mr. Crosley had charges at Mt. Gilead, Ohio; Muncie, Ind.; Terre Haute and Fort Wayne, Ind.; in this city; Glasgow, Scotland, two years; Portland, Me., five years; Springfield, Mass., six years, and went to Brooklyn in July, 1894. He returned to Muncie on retiring from active pastorates.

In politics Mr. Crosley was a Republican. He was in the army during much of the time of the Civil War, preaching and helping in the hospitals, under the Sanitary Commission. He had taken all the degrees in the Odd Fellows' order and had gone as far in Masonry as the commandery. He was also a member of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Crosley had traveled a great deal in Europe, having crossed the ocean at least six times. He had been engaged in the work of building up Universalist Churches in several States and had also been engaged in home and foreign mission work.

[On] August 31, 1865, Mr. Crosley married M. Adelia Swift, of Oxford, Butler County, Ohio. They had two children, Ferdinand S. Crosley, a lawyer, and Bertha, a graduate of Vassar College.

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