

[Dowson, James Lonsdale]

REV. JAMES LONSDALE DOWSON

Funeral services for the Rev. James Lonsdale Dowson, 85, former pastor of the former Rome Universalist Church, who died Thursday at a rest home in Roxbury, Vt., were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Universalist Church, Canton.

The site of the Rome Universalist Church is now occupied by Congregation Adas Israel.

At the time of [of] his death, Mr. Dowson was pastor-emeritus of the Canton Universalist Church.

The Rev. Alfred Ferguson, D.D., Episcopal rector at Rockland, officiated at the services, assisted by the Rev. Wilbur Parker, pastor of the Canton Universalist Church. Burial was in Canton Corner Cemetery.

A native of England, Mr. Dowson began his ministry in 1891 as superintendent of the Hill School for the Blind in Hanchow, China. His pastorates from 1864 [1894] to 1946 include Rome, Philadelphia, Pa., Weymouth, Canton and Woodstock, Vt.

While in Woodstock, Mr. Dowson represented his district in the Vermont Legislature.

On his retirement from the Universalist Church in 1946, Mr. Dowson was made pastor-emeritus. He leaves his wife, the former Sarah Whitney; two sons, Hubert W. Westwood, and Lytton H. Waban; a daughter, Mrs. George M. Walters, Woodbridge, N.J., and a granddaughter, Sarah Whitney Dowson.

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