

[Eddy, Richard]

Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 16.—The Rev. Dr. Richard Eddy, a prominent Universalist clergyman in New England, an author and a historian, dropped dead of heart disease to-day at the Summer home of his son, Benjamin F. Eddy.

The Rev. Richard Eddy was born in Providence, R. I., on June 21, 1828. He began his career as a preacher while still a student in New York in 1848, and in 1850 lectured in defense of the Masonic Order. In recognition of this service he was made a thirty-third degree Mason.

He held pastorates in Rome, Buffalo, and Canton, N.Y., and in Philadelphia. In 1870 he removed to Gloucester, Mass., and became a member of the Massachusetts Legislature. He was also placed in charge of the Universalist Centennial.

Early in the seventies he became interested in prohibition, and was afterwards elected the head of the Good Templars of Massachusetts. For many years he lectured and wrote on prohibition. His books, "Alcohol in History" and "Alcohol in Society" are the results of his work. He was also the author of three sermons on President Lincoln, entitled "The Martyr to Liberty," and of "Universalism in America," a work which engaged his attention for over thirty years. Tufts College conferred the degree of S.T.D. upon him, and established for him the Chair of Denominational History in the Divinity School of the Institution.

In March, 1852, he married Sarah Stoddard. From 1861 to 1863 he was the Chaplain of the Sixtieth New York Regiment. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion.

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