

[Grose, Arthur Wilder]

Dr. A. W. Grose, Ex-Pastor, Dies
Former Clergyman Here Served in 'Y' Overseas During War

Word was received here today of the death Sunday at Palo Alto, Cal., of the Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Grose, former pastor of All Souls Universalist Church [First Universalist, Williamsburgh], Ocean and Ditmas Aves. He had recently lived in Maine, but went to Palo Alto last September. Dr. Grose, who was 70, was active in the ministry for more than 40 years.

Dr. Grose resigned from All Souls Church in 1929, after having served as its pastor for seven years. In 1929 he became president of the Doolittle Home for the Aged in Foxboro, Mass., the Universalist institution for the aged.

Dr. Grose was born in North Abingdon, Mass., on July 17, 1869, and was graduated from Tufts College with honors in 1891. He completed his divinity course at the Crane Theological School at Tufts in 1894. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Tufts in 1908.

He held pastorates at Stoughton [Massachusetts], Albion and Rochester before he became pastor of All Souls, where he succeeded the Rev. Dr. A. Eugene Bartlett.

During the World War Dr. Grose served in France on the Y.M.C.A. staff and also was a special lecturer in the A.E.F. He was decorated by the French Ministry of War with the Medal de la Grande Guerre for service in the advanced area. In 1919, while attached to General Headquarters of the A.E.F., he was associated with the late Bishop Charles H. Brent, senior chaplain. When he returned to this country, Dr. Grose became head of the Comrades in Service, a group of 200,000 A.E.F. veterans which was the forerunner of the American Legion.

Dr. Grose also had been attached to the War Department in Washington after the war and subsequently was associated with the Playground and Recreation Association of America as special field representative in charge of New England. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was a 33d degree Mason, formerly serving as grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He also was a member of the Knights Templar.

Surviving are his widow, Ada Morse Grose; a daughter, Miss Sarah L. Grose; a son, Arthur D. Grose, and a sister, Mrs. Katherine Grose Kay.

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