

[Hall, Frank Oliver]

DR. FRANK HALL IS DEAD; RETIRED MINISTER WAS 81
Pastor Emeritus Since '19 of Universalist Church of the Divine Paternity

The Rev. Dr. Frank Oliver Hall, since 1919 pastor emeritus of the Universalist Church of the Divine Paternity, Central Park West and Seventy-sixth Street, died yesterday at his home at the Hotel Bretton Hall, Broadway and Eighty-sixth Street. He was eighty-one years old and a native of New Haven, Conn., the son of Oliver A. Hall and Clara A. Stanley Hall.

Dr. Hall received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Tufts Divinity School in 1884, a Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Lawrence University in 1900 and a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from Tufts in 1905. He became pastor of the Church of the Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist] in 1919. He served pastorates in Fitchburg, Lowell and Cambridge, Mass., before coming to New York. In Cambridge he was pastor of Third Universalist Church for seven years.

Dr. Hall was professor emeritus of homiletics at Crane Theological School of Tufts College, chairman of the Commission on Public Welfare of the Universalist church, chairman of the John Murray Lectureship of the Universalist General Convention, and a trustee and chairman of the executive committee of the Church Peace Union. A pacifist, Dr. Hall failed of re-election in 1917 as chaplain of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution because of his views.

He wrote "Common People," a sociological study issued in 1901; "Soul and Body," published in 1909, and "Divine Paternity Pulpit," issued in 1919. Surviving are his wife, the former Mrs. Helen Chester Greanelle, whom he married in 1919, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles V. Morris. Funeral services will be private.

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