

[Mitchell, Uri]

REV. URI MITCHELL DIES AT EDWARDS
Former Minister and Recent Lecturer—Well Known Here

Rev. Uri Mitchell, oft-times lecturer on the attractions of Canada as sponsored by the Canadian government or railroads, and one-time Universalist minister, died at his home in Edwards Sunday of pneumonia, which illness resulted shortly after the old man (he was 81) was brought home from Montreal where eight days before he fell in a hotel and fractured his hip.

Mr. Mitchell had at times delivered his illustrated lectures in this village, and he was never adverse [sic] to doing so. Though many considered him an eccentric, no one ever denied that he wielded a trenchant pen and that his comment could be caustic as well as concise. He was a bright man. When he graduated from the Canton Universalist Theological School in 1879 he was a brilliant student. Born in Scotland in 1859, coming to this country at 15 years of age (in 1874) he first studied at Clinton, N.Y. and then came here to prepare for the ministry.

As a Universalist pastor he was successful for many years and held many important pastorates. Then he ceased to be a Universalist minister and represented other denominations, the Unitarians, the Baptists and the Presbyterians. He dipped into hotel management in Canada, into newspaper work, advertising. Growing age did not blunt his tongue, dim the snap of his mind, soften his penchant for writing pointedly, or rob him of eloquence. Recently being greeted in Canton with "A good morning, Mr. Mitchell," he sharply replied, "You're not telling me anything I don't know." Though he had nothing to do with his alma mater for many years, and had not attending the Canton Universalist church in probably twenty-five years his funeral service was conducted by Rev. Paul Felt, Universalist pastor at Edwards, and he was laid tenderly and reverently away.

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