

[Sisson, Wellington]

Brief Sketches of Universalist Clergymen Who Have Died During the Year

VII. REV. WELLINGTON SISSON, eldest of the five children of Gideon and Mary (Couts) Sisson, was born in Friendship, N.Y., July 20, 1845, and died in Perry, N.Y., March 9, 1880.

Mr. Sisson was a studious, thoughtful, pure-minded, and conscientious boy. He entered Tufts College in 1864, and was graduated in 1868. His thoughts were, in boyhood, much occupied with the subject of religion, and while he was obtaining his education, he formed his plans to enter the ministry, and soon after his graduation he began to preach. His first settlement, in 1868, was in Orland, Me. In 1870, he moved to Stockton in the same State; but, the climate proving unfavorable, he was obliged to close a very successful pastorate the following year, leaving behind him a circle of sincere and attached friends. He next settled in Farmington, Mich., where he was ordained Dec. 20, 1871. He remained there three years; then, after one year in Lansing, he spent nearly four years at Tecumseh, in the same State. He then accepted an invitation to Perry, N.Y., where he had been laboring eighteen months at the time of his death.

In all the parishes of which Mr. Sisson had charge—in Maine, in Michigan and in New York—he was a true, earnest, and successful pastor. His gentle courtesy, his kind and amiable disposition, his frankness, his constant devotion to religion and to the growth of his people in spiritual things, as well as to all moral and reformatory enterprises, won him very many warm friends, not only in his own parishes, but in the different communities where he lived. Though he was strongly denominational in his feelings, his love and sympathy were broad enough to embrace Christians of all sects. He was enthusiastic in his nature, his heart was in his work, and he was a forcible, persuasive, and popular preacher, who found his highest pleasure in serving his Master and laboring to advance his spiritual kingdom.

Mr. Sisson was married, in July, 1868, to Miss Sophronia King, of Friendship, N.Y. The wife and three young sons survive him.

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