

[Stetson, Julia Joy]

TRIBUTE PAID TO WORK OF TEACHER
Loss in Death of Mrs. B. L. Stetson Voiced by Pastor

Tribute to Mrs. Benjamin L. Stetson, who died last Monday, for her service as a teacher in the public schools from 1876 until a few years ago, and her service in the Universalist Church since 1879, is expressed by Rev. William Wallace Rose, minister of the First Universalist Church.

"Mrs. Stetson, known for years as Julia Joy, began her distinguished career as a teacher of youth in 1876, being assigned to Andrews School No. 9," Mr. Rose said. "Ten years later she was transferred to Eugene Field School No. 10, at which she continued until her marriage several years ago. She represented that large class of teachers who have served and are serving the city faithfully and well, and will be greatly missed by her former pupils and those who have been associated with her.

"In 1879 Mrs. Stetson joined the First Universalist Church, and true to her nature, became from the first an ardent worker. She has been adequately described by one who knew her as that type of Christian who rolled up her sleeves and performed any task calculated to advance the fortunes of her church and contribute to its influence in the city.

"A long time member of the Wooden Class of the First Universalist Church, she became in 1911 the president and teacher of this organization for the study of the Bible and philanthropic endeavor, continuing in this dual office until her death. Funeral services were conducted in the First Universalist Church, attended by hosts of Mrs. Stetson's friends, former associates and pupils, and graced by a great bank of floral tributes. This veteran teacher of the public schools, this tireless worker for every good cause, deserves richly what she has created through the years—far-flung memories of a simple and useful life."

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