

## George Thompson

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### **Sudden Death in Church**

At a meeting of the class-leaders of McKendree church, last evening, Mr. George Thompson, aged 69 years, was taken suddenly ill, fell to the floor and expired. It appears that the leaders were handing in their reports and the money collected from their classes, and Mr. Thompson was called on for his report, which, with the money collected, he handed in, at which time (7:50 p.m.) he was taken ill and expired, as above stated. Deceased was immediately conveyed to his residence, No. 221 1/2 Eighth street, when Dr. Thompson was called in, and he pronounced the cause of his death heart-disease. The deceased was a native of England and in the 69th year of his age having resided here for fifty years. For many years he has filled the position of messenger of the Engineer Bureau of the War Department.

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### **Funerals**

The funeral of Mr. George Thompson, a class leader of McKendree Chapel for several years past and the well-known messenger of the Engineer Bureau of the War Department, whose sudden death at a meeting of the class leaders of that charge on Thursday evening last, was noticed in Friday's STAR, took place from the church yesterday morning, and was attended by Central Lodge of Odd Fellows and a large concourse of relatives and friends, including many employees of the War Department, members of the congregation of McKendree and other Methodist Churches of the District. The remains in a handsome walnut coffin, (on which were emblems of the Odd Fellows and on the breast was the regalia of the deceased and a beautiful wreath of japonicas,) were removed from his late residence on 8th street, near O, about 10 1/2 o'clock--Messrs. C.H. Lane, James Osborne, L.W. Worthington, J.W. Wade, J.G. Robinson, and B.E. Gittings, (the two last named on the part of the Odd Fellows,) acting as pall-bearers. The pulpit and altar was occupied by the pastor, Rev. W. Krebs, Rev. P. Hall Sweet, Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, M. Turner, Emery, and others. The services were opened by the choir singing the hymn "How blest the righteous," etc., and Rev. Mr. Sweet offered fervent prayer, and appropriate selections of Scripture were read by the pastor. "Servant of God well done," was sung by the choir, and Mr. Krebs announced his text--Numbers xxiii, 11th verse--"Let me die the death of the righteous," etc., in which he spoke of the deceased as a man of practical piety, of cheerful disposition, who, previous to leaving his native country, England, became converted when seventeen or eighteen years of age. He died as he lived, a righteous man, and in the place he wished to die, in the midst of his brethren. After the choir had sung an appropriate hymn an opportunity was given the congregation to gaze on the corpse, and the benediction having been pronounced, the remains were placed on the bier and taken to the Congressional Cemetery, where they were placed in a vault; Rev. Mr. Sweet conducting the services of the Odd Fellows. Messrs. Harvy & Marr were the undertakers.