

Rosa Myrtle Babson

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Babson. Rosa Myrtle Babson, 1804 A street southeast, 34 years.

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Dies at Post of Duty

Miss Babson Expires While on Charitable Mission

Funeral Services to be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at Residence of Her Parents

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock over the remains of the late Miss Rosa Myrtle Babson, one of Washington's best-known charity workers, who died suddenly yesterday, as stated in The Star, while carrying on her work among the poor. Rev. George E. Maydwell, pastor of Waugh Methodist Episcopal Church, where Miss Babson had worshiped for nearly twenty years, and Rev. Dr. W. E. Parson of the Church of the Reformation, her mother's place of worship, will conduct the services, which will be held at the family residence, 108 13th street southeast. The pallbearers will be Radesford French, Morrison French, Milton Tibbetts and Edward Halley.

Miss Babson was exhausted, it is thought, by her work among the poor, and was taken ill at 18th and A streets southeast about noon yesterday, dying a few minutes after being carried to a nearby dwelling. Dr. Charles V. Pettys who was attending a patient a few doors distant, was summoned, but by the time he reached Miss Babson life was extinct. He gave a certificate of death from valvular heart trouble. Miss Babson practically devoted her life to charitable work, being a constant attendant on the poor. She was one of the volunteer agents of the Associated Charities and was in charge of a system of savings collections in East Washington. It was while making collections for this purpose that she became ill.

For some time she had not been in the best of health. Several boys saw her fall and aided in carrying her into the house named. The body was removed to her home yesterday afternoon.

Miss Babson was thirty-five years of age, the daughter of Mr. John W. Babson, chief of the issue division of the patent offices, one of the directors of the Board of Trade and a prominent citizen of East Washington. She was a sister of Mrs. William B. French of East Capitol street. Mrs. Babson, her mother, is a member of the board of managers of the Associated Charities and secretary of the board of children's guardians. Her brother, J.W. Babson, and Mrs. French are the only surviving children of a family of eight.

Miss Babson was also prominently connected with the Maine Association of this city. Never of a strong constitution, she was nevertheless always ready and willing to do something for the pleasure and comfort of others. Four months of each year she spent in her native town on the coast of Maine, where she prosecuted her work along charitable lines, as she did in this city. Her love for little children was especially strong, and many hearts were gladdened by her kind words and deeds.

Miss Babson's death was announced at a meeting of the Associated Charities yesterday afternoon, and the expressions of regret and sympathy for her relatives were unanimous and sincere. Resolutions to the above effect were adopted and forwarded to the family.