

Jeremiah L. Kidwell

(- 4 Nov 1876)

Kidwell. November 4th, 1876, at 9 o'clock a.m., J.L. Kidwell, in the 44th year of his age, after a lingering illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude. Friends are invited to attend his funeral, Monday, 6th, from his late residence, 916 D street, southwest, at 2 p.m.

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Death of Mr. J.L. Kidwell

Mr. Jeremiah L. Kidwell, of the firm of Kidwell & Henderson, upholsterers, died on Saturday morning at his residence, on D street southwest, in the 44th year of his age. Mr. Kidwell was a native of this city, and learned his trade with the late Stephen P. Franklin, and for several years he has, with Mr. Henderson, been carrying on business on 9th street, between D and E. Mr. Kidwell had been from early life a prominent worker in the temperance cause, as a boy being a cadet of temperance, and since his majority he has been active as a member of the Sons of Temperance, Rechabites and Good Templars, filling the chairs in the subordinate and grand divisions, tents and lodges of those organizations. He was a consistent member of the Episcopal church, in early life being a communicant of the Church of the Ascension, and of late years of Grace church, South Washington, and for several years past has been a member of the vestry of Grace church an officer of the Sunday school. His funeral took place this afternoon, and was attended by a large concourse of friends, including the various temperance organizations, and Eastern Lodge, I.O.O.F., of which he was a member.

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The Funeral of the late Jeremiah L. Kidwell took place yesterday afternoon, from the family residence on D street southwest. The sad cortege moved from the house to Grace church, only half a square distant. The organizations of Odd Fellows, Rechabites and Sons of Temperance, to which the deceased belonged, attended, preceded by Donch's band. As the procession moved into the church, the choir sang, "Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee." In splendid style. The sad and impressive service for the dead was conducted jointly by Rev. Dr. Holmead, the venerable rector of the church, and Rev. J.B. Everett, pastor of Silver Spring parish, Md. At the close of the service the cortege reformed and proceeded to Congressional cemetery, where the interment took place. The remains were encased in a heavy walnut casket, satin lined, with silver mouldings and extension handles, and covered in black cloth with silver fringes. The plate was inscribed: "Jeremiah L. Kidwell, died November 4th, 1876, aged 44 years." The casket was strewn with fairest flowers, the last offerings of the Sunday school of Grace church, the children of which laid their tributes upon the bier, in procession, at the termination of the service. A floral feature was a large cross, composed of white flowers, and presented by the Sunday school. The pall-bearers were selected as follows: Two on the part of Grace church, two on the part of the Odd Fellows, and two on the part of the Order of Rechabites.