

William Thomas VanDoren, Sr. (- 20 Dec 1885)

VanDoren. On Sunday, December 20, 1885, Rev. W.T. VanDoren aged 66 years. Funeral from the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Capitol Hill, Tuesday, December 22d at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives invited (New York papers please copy).

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The Late Rev. Wm. T. Van Doren

The Rev. Wm. T. VanDoren, who died on Sunday afternoon (as stated in yesterday's Star), was a well-known Presbyterian minister, attached to the Metropolitan Presbyterian church (Rev. Dr. Chester), 4th and B streets southeast. He was a native of New York and, graduating at Rutgers college, entered the ministry at the age of 19 years. Under the American Board of Foreign Missions, he sailed as a missionary to Borneo in 1840. After a few years' service in that country, his health broke down and he returned. Then for several years, he served in church in Greene county, New York, and, going to Indiana, he settled over a church at South Bend. Then he went to Missouri and served as the chaplain of the 7th Missouri cavalry during the war. He came with his family to this city about the close of the war and accepted a position in the Treasury department, which he has since held, residing with his family on East Capitol street. Unable to fill a pulpit permanently, he, as occasion offered, was ever ready to conduct religious service, and for some seven years past had officiated with such regularity at the almshouse that he was regarded as the chaplain to that institution. He leaves a widow and six grown children. About two years since one of his daughters, a teacher in the public schools, died here.