

Final Tribute Paid to Dr. James H. Blackwell, Churchman, Business Pioneer and Educator

RICHMOND, Va.—Funeral services for Dr. James H. Blackwell, Sr., venerable citizen, educator and churchman of Richmond, were held from the First Baptist Church, South Richmond, on Sunday, with over 1,500 persons overtaxing the capacity of the edifice in which Dr. Blackwell had worshipped for many, many years.

The last rites were held jointly with those for Robert T. Armistead, another faithful member of the church.

Dr. Blackwell died last Wednesday, after having prepared to leave for his office in the best of health. He was a victim of acute indigestion.

Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor First Baptist Church, Richmond, brother-in-law and schoolmate of Dr. Blackwell, Sr., conducted the joint obsequies.

Hundreds of telegrams, telephone calls and personal messages of condolence were received by the members of the family of the deceased, the names of the senders being read at the funeral.

Dr. Blackwell, was born in Marion, Va., about sixty years ago, the son of Charlotte and William Blackwell. He attended the public schools of Manchester, under Dr. A. J. Binga, whom he succeeded as principal in the late



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George W. Blackwell, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. J. H. Blackwell, Jr., Richmond, Va.; and one daughter, Mrs. Hattie B. Carter of Petersburg.

The deceased is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Winnie S. Blackwell and Mrs. Rosa E. Archer and two grandchildren, Grace and Heywood Blackwell, all of Richmond.

Dr. Blackwell was principal of the Manchester High School for more than thirty years, resigning in 1921. Since that time he had been engaged in work 80's.

In 1885 he married Miss Annie E. Jordan of Petersburg, Va., and three children of this union survive: Attorney directly related to the public school system. He was manager of the Interstate Teachers Agency here on North Third Street, and was prominent in insurance circles of the state in the late 90's. He was actively engaged in summer school work from 1900 to 1916.

He was trustee of the Virginia State Baptist Sunday School Convention for more than thirty years and was also at the time of his death, secretary of the convention.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, South Richmond, for more than fifty years, was a former superintendent.

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tendent of the Sunday school and at the time of his demise was trustee and treasurer of the church.

Solos were sung by Mrs. C. Henry Jones, of Washington, D. C., by Miss Annie Eaton, and by Joseph L. Graham; scripture was read by Dr. J. W. Barco, of Union University; and brief remarks were made by Dr. S. C. Burrell, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; Rev. A. L. Britten, W. I. Hopkins, president of the Sunday School Convention; Rev. L. C. Garland; Augustine Royall, and Dr. W. J. Clark, president of Virginia Union University, the latter two white.

Other persons seated on the rostrum were: Rev. R. Anderson, Rev. Haggins, Rev. Kizer of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. S. Brown of Petersburg, Dr. A. B. Brown, Dr. S. A. Brown, and Dr. John M. Gandy of Petersburg, president Virginia State College.

A long line of Richmond's distinguished business, professional religious and fraternal leaders acted as honorary pallbearers.