

ALFRED MOURNS PRESIDENT'S DEATH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARRANGES FUNERAL

Chaplain McLeod and Pastor Ehret Will Conduct Services Wednesday

Stunned by the sudden death of President Paul E. Titsworth, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Alfred University met at four P. M., Sunday, to conclude the necessary arrange-

ments for the funeral which will be held Wednesday, December 13th. Private services at the President's home will be at 11 o'clock. Public services will be held at the First Alfred church at 2 P. M. Interment will be in Alfred Rural Cemetery. All college activities will be suspended on Wednesday, the day of the funeral.

The funeral services at the Village church will be conducted by Chaplain James C. McLeod, assisted by the Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, Pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist church and Dean J. Nelson Norwood, who will represent President Emeritus Boothe C. Davis.

The service at the home will be conducted by Pastor Ehret. This service is for the family and immediate friends.

The body of President Titsworth will lie in state in the Village church on Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 1:30. At that time students may offer their respects.

MANY VOICE EXPRESSIONS OF ESTEEM

True expressions of the esteem in which President Titsworth is held by the faculty and students are evidenced by comments made by individuals who knew him well.

Dean Norwood in speaking of his loss said: "President Titsworth had won golden opinions from the faculty, students and friends. He had great plans and ideas for improvements of education and was always an enthusiastic supporter of all forward steps."

"He was of affable manner, friendly and approachable. My closest personal friend outside of my immediate family. I have known him for 33 years. I was a student with him at Alfred, roomed with him at the University of Wisconsin, I taught with him on the same faculty at Alfred, becoming his successor as dean. I was more than delighted when he was chosen as the successor of President Davis."

Mrs. Dora K. Degen, Dean of Women, commented: "President Titsworth is gone, but he has left to those of us who knew him well and indeed, to anyone who has known him at all a legacy. It is a challenge to live, however briefly, a life complete because of its strength of character, integrity of mind, and beauty of spirit. Few men whom I have known have possessed all of these qualities in as great a degree."

Assistant Dean Conroe in speaking of the President's death spoke as follows: "The blur and shock which comes through the loss of Dr. Titsworth are too great for us to realize

fully just now. Our feeling of the loss is greater because we have been privileged to glimpse the future in store for Alfred under the guidance of this man of vigorous mental personality, dynamic, unbounded energy, stupendous breadth of vision and comprehensive grasp."

On last October 20th, at which time the formal inauguration of President Titsworth was held, various sentiments were voiced in his honor. At that time President Emeritus Boothe C. Davis to and of the late President said: "High scholarship, sterling character, and administrative ability have been happily combined in President Titsworth in such a way as to give great promise for his administration."

"President and Mrs. Titsworth, I greet you and welcome you. I assure you of a community, a faculty and a student fellowship in Alfred, than which, no finer exists anywhere in the world."

At this same time, Mr. Edgar King, President of the Student Senate and Miss Margaret Bastow, President of the Women's Student Government, both speaking for the student body spoke. Mr. King's words, in part, were: "This year the Alma Mater of Alfred University was changed and the following lines were inserted, 'And Davis the builder and Titsworth our guide, thy honor and power maintain'. This is an appropriate change. It is proper that we do homage to Davis, the builder. However, after any building project has been completed, there remains the task of surrounding and instilling in the new structure the atmosphere which is to be desired. Alfred is fortunate in having for its guide a man of the calibre of President Titsworth. His first assembly address impressed the student body with his sincerity and its understanding of our problems. His record gives evidence that he will be successful in his efforts."

Miss Bastow in her address, added: "As a representative of the student body of Alfred University, I bring you greetings. During the short time you have been here, you have won respect of both student body and faculty. We feel that you are worthy of our trust, our esteem and our loyalty, and we know that you are a friend and a guide to whom we may always turn."

Curtis Randolph, Treasurer of the University speaking of President Titsworth and his sudden death said: "My acquaintance and cooperation with Dr. Titsworth dates back to the time when he was Dean here. Both then and now it was a pleasure to work with him, and his loss will be a great one to all of us."



Paul Emerson Titsworth, Ph.D., LL.D.

A STUDENT'S TRIBUTE

Some one said: "He's gone,"
But I know it is not true.
The flesh is dead, the heart is spent,
Though his spirit lives on, and on!
Down to these tranquil hills, under
skies of blue,
An angelic host, from Heaven's gate
was sent
To carry our leader to a reward
Far off in an invisible land.
He stayed with us not over long;
When called, he went, without a word,
Noiseless his flight, led by a Divine
hand.

What is this Power that steals from
the throng,
Always the Best? Is Justice cruel,
or are
Our minds so weak that through the
gloom
Of earth we know not what we are,
Nor whom to tag behind on life's
road?
By what standards judge we men?
What, their nature?—Along what path
Their feet must tread? O Force above,
When will you send again one more
like him—
For, sadly, someone said: "He's
gone!"

EDITORIAL

The passing of President Paul Emerson Titsworth has come as a staggering shock to Alfred University. Here was a man among men, a man who impressed all by his friendly courtesy, by his terse expressiveness of speech, by the decisive mobility with which he traveled to any part of the country, where the interests of the University called him, and by the air of quiet unassuming mastery over the problems which were presented to him for advice or solution.

Very wisely he seemed to be playing the part of the learner as he renewed his acquaintance with the University, its problems and its personnel. His new policies as President were just emerging from a quiet study of the present campus set-up, and from a period of time spent in living in the campus atmosphere again.

President Titsworth had already inspired confidence in himself among faculty, trustees, and students. His wide circle of friends and associates revered and honored him. His should be a lofty chair.

PRESIDENT TITSWORTH DIES SUDDENLY

Heart Attack Sunday Morning Causes Death

Paul Emerson Titsworth, Ph. D., LL. D., recently inaugurated sixth president of Alfred University, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home here last Sunday morning at 10:45.

NOTICES

Because of the inadequacy of the seating capacity of the Village church, it will be impossible for the entire student body to attend the funeral service of President Titsworth. Each of the fraternities, the non-fraternity and non-sorority groups, the four classes and various organizations of which Dr. Titsworth was a member will be represented by delegations. Each fraternity and sorority and the two neutral groups will send four representatives. The four classes will each be represented by the President and Secretary of the class.

Through the Student Life Committee, the various organizations on the campus wish to announce that all social activities have been postponed until after the Christmas vacation.

Intramural basketball games will be resumed Thursday and the varsity basketball game schedules for Saturday evening will take place. Women's Basketball Tournament will begin Monday, December 18th.

The regular movie programs will be held Thursday and Saturday evening of this week, as usual.

MANY OUTSTANDING PERSONAGES TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Many prominent educators, representing numerous schools throughout the eastern part of the United States are to be present for the funeral services for Dr. Titsworth, Wednesday.

President Mead, who is the successor of the late Dr. Titsworth as President of Washington College at Chestertown, Maryland, has wired that he will attend. John Nelson, of Montreal, Que., President of the Rotary International and an intimate friend of the deceased President, who was last here on the occasion of the formal inauguration of the President will be present. Dr. Harlan Hoyt Horner, Assistant Commissioner of Education, who was the honor guest at the Founder's Day program last Thursday, who was invested with a degree at that time by the late President, will also be here for the funeral services. He will represent the State Department of Education.

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Doctor Titsworth was to have delivered a sermon in Christ's Episcopal church in Hornell and had gone to the garage to get his car when stricken. His wife, noting his delay in getting started, went out to find the cause, and discovered his body. Doctor Hitchcock, who was summoned, pronounced death as coming from an instantaneous heart attack.

His death came as a shock to the community and college. Word of his passing flashed over the telegraph wires, and his friends over the entire country grieved.

President Titsworth was born in Ashaway, R. I., May 31, 1881, but spent most of his younger days in Alfred, where he was graduated from Alfred Academy in 1900. He studied in Berlin and Dresden, Germany in 1902, at Ohio State University in 1903-1904.

President Titsworth completed his undergraduate work here with the class of 1904, later earning the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin. He served his Alma Mater first as instructor, then as professor of Modern Languages. Subsequently he transferred to the leadership of the English Department. In 1920, on retirement of Dean A. B. Kenyon, Dr. Titsworth was elected Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. In 1923, he accepted the presidency of Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, and for ten years was conspicuously successful in building up that ancient school. Then he assumed the leadership of his Alma Mater on August first, of this year.

During his service as President of Washington College he greatly strengthened that institution in courses of instruction and equipment. He brought it to approved standard rating in the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland.

He had a distinct connection with the Rotary Club in that he was the founder and the first president of the Rotary Club of Chestertown, Maryland, and was also governor of the 34th District of Rotary. He was also a member of the International Service Committee of the Rotary and was a delegate to the National Convention at Vienna, Austria. Dr. Titsworth was also an active member of the Masons. On Alfred's campus the President was affiliated with Klan Alpine fraternity, which association dates from the time of his deanship.

Dr. Titsworth's survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Vida Stillman Titsworth, three daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Katharine Titsworth at home and Miss Eleanor Titsworth of Baltimore, Md., and a sister, Miss Helen A. Titsworth of Lawrence, Kans.