

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Of Rev. James P. Boyce, D. D., at Second Baptist Church Sunday Night.

At the Second Baptist church Sunday evening services in memory of Rev. James P. Boyce, D. D., were held.

Dr. Boyce died about three weeks since in Pau, France, and his remains brought to America, where they were interred in Louisville, Ky., on yesterday. A vast congregation assembled in that city to do honor and reverence to his memory.

He was called the leading Baptist of America. He was richly endowed intellectually, possessed a warm, sympathetic heart, and was a man of fortune. He used his brains, soul and money to do good in the name of the humble Nazarene, whose cause he espoused in early life.

The Second Baptist church was well filled. Hon. J. T. Pendleton presided, and Drs. J. B. Hawthorne and W. C. McCall delivered addresses.

Dr. Hawthorne delivered a magnificent address. He was for three years the pastor of Dr. Boyce at Louisville, Ky., and had known him for thirty years. He spoke in the most eloquent terms of his life and character, his gentleness of spirit, his devotion to principle, his extreme loyalty to the old orthodox theology, his grand and heroic devotion to the Southern Theological seminary, to which he devoted his talent and princely fortune.

The doctor closed with an eloquent appeal to the young men to emulate Dr. Boyce's example and be prepared to take the place of the great leaders who are passing away.

Rev. W. C. McCall, D. D., said he was a pupil at the theological seminary presided over by Dr. Boyce, and knew full well his great worth. As one who had sat at his feet and listened to his words of wisdom, he would pay a tribute to his memory. Of all the sublime characters that have adorned the Baptist galaxy in the last half century, none have been more symmetrical and beautiful in character than our lamented brother in Christ and father in theological training, James P. Boyce.

He would have filled the highest positions in the land, church or state, with great credit and satisfaction. Rabbi Moses, in public address in the Jewish temple in Louisville, had highly complimented Dr. Boyce's wisdom, and especially the book of which he is the author, "Systematic Theology." He was a man of piety and of prayer, and by his wonderful influence he brought the seminary from predicted failure into a permanent and enduring success. It was to him that Governor Brown tendered his magnificent gift of fifty thousand dollars to the seminary. Long after the monuments of marble and brass have crumbled the memory of the dear, dead brother will live in the hearts and deeds of his pupils.

Revs. W. H. Strickland, S. Y. Jameson of Atlanta, and Rev. Dr. Purser of Birmingham participated in the services.