DEATH COMES TO PRESIDENT GARRISON

Death has cut short the career of another Peabody president. President Garrison died in the early hours of January 18. He suffered a prolonged illness last spring and summer, an illness which at times became critical. His native strength, however, brought him through a sequence of crises and apparently he was almost fully recovered when the fall quarter opened. During the quarter he gave his full time and effort in directing the affairs of the College. He worked at his office always during the daylight hours and three times he made trips to Washington, Philadelphia, and New York. With one or two small reservations he seemed to have regained his former robustness.

But there were times when a close observer might have noticed a pallor and drawn look upon his face. It was known that his illness had endangered his heart, but it was thought that its improvement would be the reflex of his general recovery.

On Wednesday he worked all day at the College. In the late afternoon he issued a call for a faculty meeting on Friday. As he was leaving the building he stopped a few minutes in conversation with Dr. W. C. Jones. Then he went home. A little before two o'clock Mrs. Garrison noticed a strange quality in his breathing. She immediately went to him, but he was perhaps not alive then. The heart had collapsed under long accumulated strain.

Sidney Clarence Garrison was born in Lincolnton, North Carolina, October 17, 1887. He received the bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in 1911 and after that served two years as superintendent of Lincoln County schools. In 1913 he received the M.A. degree from Wake Forest and became principal of Crouse High School. In the fall of 1914 he came to Nashville to study psychology at Peabody College and medicine at Vanderbilt University. In 1916 he received a master's degree from Peabody. He had by that time become committed to the field of psychology. In 1916 he taught part time in the College and continued his graduate study. In 1917 he enlisted in the Army and presently rose to the rank of Captain in the Adjutant General's office. While working with the Psychological Department of the Army, he assisted in developing the widely used Army Alpha Intelligence Test. He returned to the College shortly following his detachment from the service, and in June, 1919, was awarded the doctorate. Immediately following that he was appointed professor of psychology in Peabody College. In 1934 he became dean of the Graduate School, in which position he continued until he was made president following the death of Dr. Bruce R. Payne. He was formally inducted into the presidency on February 4, 1938.

Dr. Garrison in 1919 was married to Sara Elizabeth McMurry of Guthrie, Kentucky, whom he had met while a student in the College. The five children of that marriage are: Dr. S. C. Garrison, Jr., resident physician at Nashville General Hospital; Rufus James Garrison, a student at Peabody Demonstration School; First Lt. William Louis Garrison, now serving the U. S. Army in the Aleutians; Pvt. Frank McMurry Garrison, now stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo; and one daughter, Miss Lucy Fuqua Garrison, teacher of science in the Hillsboro High School.

There are two brothers: Dr. Karl Garrison, professor of psychology at Connecticut State College, and who, for a while, was a member of the Peabody staff; and Ralph Garrison of Lincolnton, North Carolina. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mauney Garrison, survives, as do his five sisters: Mrs. Sam Hovis, Mrs. Walter Friday, Mrs. Claud Hovis, Mrs. Harry Cloninger, Mrs. Henry Harrell, of Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Dr. Garrison was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, the American Psychological Association, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He had published, either by himself or jointly, a number of monographs and textbooks, mainly in the field of psychology. He was a member of the Rotary Club, of the Board of Trustees of Meharry Medical College, of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, of the Southern Educational Foundation, of Tennessee College for Women, of the State Board of Education, a director of the Nashville Trust Company, and the Guaranty Trust Company. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church.

In his last address before the College assembly on Tuesday morning, the 16th, he outlined a building program for the College which has been developed with great precision and care. The plans include: A central heating plant, a graduate dormitory, a music building, further development of the library, a new classroom building, and wings to the Demonstration School.

Of these matters the President spoke but his mind was crowded with the details of Peabody's projected improvement. He was always sensitive to the beauty of symmetry, of color, of flowers, of growing things. He loved the campus as had President Payne before him. Always there were in his mind's eye visions of the further unfolding of the campus so dear to him.

The College with a favorable degree of adequacy has met the problems of war. The problems of peace are before it. These problems are most demanding. And they were constantly in his mind. Daily he gave his thought to meet their urgency.

These matters engaged his attention when his work came to a sudden and tragic completion. He had been president only seven years, but he had given to the College almost a third of a century of continuous and sustained service. He belongs definitely in the catalogue of the College's founders.

SIDNEY CLARENCE GARRISON

Ob Peabody, child of many labors, in the eternity of whose enduring life and service all who have toiled faithfully may have some part, I pray you and the God of your destiny to accept my labors—and the incense of my sacrifice.

Alfred Roehm.

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