

FUNERAL OF VIRGIL V. HUFF

SWEET AND TENDER SERVICE
EMPHASIZES THE CLOSE OF A
LIFE NOTABLE.

At 10 a. m. Saturday morning a large congregation assembled at the First Baptist church to do honor to the late Virgil V. Huff, who passed from earth to the eternal life, Wednesday, February 4, 1920.

Everything that was done and said during this memorable service was in accord with the wonderfully full and useful life of service just ended and the ministrations of willing hands tender hearts and sympathetic voices. In spoken words and song were a balm and comfort to the almost broken hearted wife, mother and other relatives.

The opening organ number played by Miss Ethel Davis, who is a graduate of Missouri Valley College, was a funeral prelude, during the entrance to the church of the funeral cortege with an escort of Knights Templar.

The service opened with the singing of a duet "Shadows" by Miss Ella Robbins Black and Dr. R. L. Shepherd, followed by the scripture reading by Dr. J. H. Satterfield, pastor of the Baptist church, who presided.

The prayer was led by Rev. D. K. Ferguson, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Huff is a member.

After the singing of a vocal solo "Crossing the Bar" by Mrs. Charles Durrett, then came the sermon, which was by Dr. W. H. Black.

The closest friendship existed between the president of Missouri Valley College and Mr. Huff during the time the latter was in school and since, and the Doctor, who was in Philadelphia when he received the message of Mr. Huff's death and the request of Mrs. Huff that he preach the funeral sermon, hastened home on an early train.

The usual excellence of Dr. Black's exceptional powers of eloquence was excelled in every feature of his funeral address. With a delicate sense of fitness he compared the scope and vision of the religious convictions and ideals of Virgil Huff with those

of Dr. Woolfkin, the great Baptist divine of New York City, whose wonderful speech on Christian unity Dr. Black had heard but an hour before the death of Mr. Huff. Again, with most keen analysis of men and history did he show how such men as Virgil Huff were used of God in promoting the great work of his spiritual kingdom, even as Paul, the master workman of God had been supported by such men as Apollos, the orator, Luke the physician and Zenas, the lawyer. Throughout the remarkable discourse, many were the touching and eloquent tributes to the lovable life and character of Mr. Huff.

Following the funeral sermon, Mr. Huff's pastor, Rev. Satterfield, with vivid clearness, spoke of the loss to the church which every member and every good work of the church would suffer. His tribute to Mr. Huff as a student and teacher of the Bible, and as a teacher of the business men's Bible class was very fine.

This talk closed the service at the church and the funeral party left the house of worship while Miss Davis played a march in D. Minor, Heller.

The interment was at Ridge Park on the Huff lot and the burial was with the rites of the Knight Templars lodge, James Anderson, the officiating officer.

The floral offerings were exquisite in variety and design and those from organizations were the Business Men's Class of the First Baptist Sunday School, Board of Deacons of Baptist church, Amoma Class of Baptist Sunday school, Missouri Valley College, Alumni Association, Pearsonian Literary Society of College, Saline County Bar Association, the board of Supervisions of the Salt Fork Drainage District, the Ellen Bowen Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church, the Board of Public Works, Trilumina Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and the Commandery.

The pallbearers were Dr. D. F. Manning, James A. Walker, Abiel Leonard, L. W. VanDyke, S. D. Hour and Prof. J. M. Penick.

In the death of Virgil V. Huff, which occurred at his home, 315 East Yerby, Wednesday, February 4, at about 4 p. m., Marshall loses one of her finest citizens, with superior intelligence, natural endowment, great force of character and unusual professional ability, directed by intelligence and judgement of a high order.