

MANY PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF DR. PRICE

Alumni and Friends Send Words of Tribute from All Parts of United States

Mr. Chester Roberts, '13, head of the department of Chemistry at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, pays a lovely tribute to Dr. Price under the heading, "Dr. Silas Eber Price—The Students' Friend." He writes:

To those who were privileged to attend O. U. during the period 1906-24, there was presented the opportunity of a friendly relationship that is seldom seen in these days of turmoil and confusion. Perhaps those were "the good old days" when "Prexy" knew all his students and took a fatherly interest in their progress and welfare. At any rate, the memory of President Silas Eber Price as a friend will remain a vivid one to the students of my college generation. Chapel was not a bore when he led. We all took and enjoyed his Senior Ethics Course. Among our kodak snaps of college days, some of us have a picture of Dr. Price attempting to separate members of our class from members of the freshman class in the annual class scap. Some of us called on him to officiate at our wedding ceremony.

"He was one who inspired confidence and trust. His advice was sought naturally and almost automatically by many of his former students. He always had the friendly word of encouragement. He trusted young people. He saw life as a great adventure and entered into it with a contagious enthusiasm. He was a man of great sympathy."

"To many of us, Dr. Price and O. U. stand for the same idea. He was, as a matter of fact, O. U. In this connection I recall a sentence in a letter he wrote me at one time when I had written him for advice as to the wisdom of making a change in location. I quote him: 'I have always felt that one can accomplish the most with his life, by staying on the one job over a long period of years.' Dr. Price did that very thing at O. U. and the institution which we all love is his memorial."

From the class of 1914 is Dr. Ray Q. Brewster, Professor of Chemistry at Kansas University Lawrence, Kas. His tribute is: "My last visit with Dr. Price will always remain in my memory. This was in early September, 1933, at his home in Pasadena. He was in good health and spirit, and talked as enthusiastically about O. U. as he did twenty years ago, when he was president of the institution. Even though grave problems have faced the University during recent years, and many of its younger friends have been disheartened yet he had an outlook to the future. Discouragement did not enter into his make-up. Neither had his interest in students and alumni decreased. He had wide correspondence among former Ottawans, and doubtless knew more about the various fortunes of those who had been students during his administration than any other person. As president of O. U. he exercised a thoughtful consideration for each student and maintained that friendly interest until his death. Although we now mourn his loss, the real Dr. Price is not dead, but still lives enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him."

The following tribute is from a man who worked with Dr. Price in the University—Mr. Walter A. Rose.

"With the passing of Dr. Price, I feel that I have lost a real personal friend, one who has influenced my life more than any other person I have known."

"I became intimately associated with Dr. Price in February of 1921 when at his request I accepted the trusteeship of Ottawa University. It was his patience and willingness to help me that made it possible for me to do the work there; many times during the first few months he came into my office to inquire if he could help me in any way; he was always patient in his dealings with the students, and they knew they had a friend in their President, and that he always had time to talk over their troubles with them."

"Many times as I sat in his office he would take time to talk to me about the problems of his work as it was related to mine, and I have heard him say as he put his hand to his head, 'I haven't thought that through yet' and when he had thought it through, seldom was it necessary for him to reverse his decision."

"Dr. Price was a scholar, a teacher and a thorough Christian gentleman, always pleasant and willing to help any one in trouble willing to take the blame for things that others should have borne with him."

"While Dr. Price's death was expected, yet when it came we were not ready to give him up, his interest in Ottawa University never waned, and in every letter I received from him he was always solicitous as to the outcome during these troublesome times. While he is gone from our physical vision, yet he lives in the hearts and minds of many who have known and loved him through the years."

Members of the Ottawa University faculty who served during Dr. Price's presidency pay tribute to him as one of Ottawa's greatest executives.

Miss Lulu Brown writes, "Dr. Price was an administrator and leader, who won the respect and confidence of those with whom he worked, yet his official char-

MY TASK

To love someone more dearly every day
To help a wondering child to find the way,
To ponder on a noble thought and pray,
And smile when evening falls,
And smile when evening falls,
This is my task.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,
To do my best from dawn of day 'til night,
To keep myself fit for His holy sight,
And smile when evening falls,
And smile when evening falls,
This is my task.

And then at last my Saviour there to meet,
When faith hath made her task on earth complete,
I'll lay my trophies at the Master's feet,
Within the Jasper walls,
Within the Jasper walls,
This crowns my task.

acter and relationship were so dominated by personal sympathy and understanding that he also won the love of both students and faculty members, who found in him a wise counselor, a true friend, and an earnest Christian gentleman. His helpful influence will be with them always, and always will they think of him with affection and gratitude."

Professor R. H. Ritchie gives a beautiful tribute: "By what good qualities of character do you remember Silas Eber Price?" To this question thirty years acquaintance, including eighteen years of partnership in educational and religious work, supply the material for the answer. During those thirty years I found him to be cautiously progressive, careful in his plans but willing to invest in the future and to rely on that future to justify the investment.

"He believed profoundly that Christian youth are the fingers of God, wherewith He shapes the affairs of His kingdom on earth. He strove to aid God in making those fingers supple, skillful, responsive to the Divine will. In this work he manifested vision, calmness, patience, faith, moral courage, broad sympathy, firmness in the right as God gave him to see the right."

"These are the good qualities for which I remember Silas Eber Price."

Dr. W. B. Wilson pays tribute to Dr. Price as a builder. "Dr. Price impressed me continually with his fine example of devoted labor. He was a builder in every constructive way at his command. Buildings rose up to grace our campus, not by magic but by dint of careful planning and the sacrificial giving of friends he interested in the school. But Dr. Price was even more interested in the character building of students. How often he would say words like these to them, 'All you will ever be and all you will ever possess will be what you have actually earned. Getting is not necessarily possessing. The only way toward owning either goods or one's self is by the old-fashioned way of hard work. All short cuts mean either failure or fraud.'"

"He despised sham in business or religion. One of his favorite sayings was, 'You can judge a man's religion by what he puts into it or labor or money.'"

Mr. Arthur E. Willis, a trustee of Ottawa University for a number of years, adds his word of tribute: "Dr. Price was a Christian gentleman who was true to his convictions. He had a wonderful capacity for hard work which he did not hesitate to exercise effectively. I deem it a great privilege to have known him and been able to call him my friend."

Mr. Marion C. Hume, '10, a successful Ottawa business man, writes a note in tribute to Dr. Price. "When most men pass from life they leave but a slight emotional ripple which affects only a few of their closest associates and soon fades out, but when a truly great man passes the going creates a wave of emotional memory that encircles the world and endures through eternity. Dr. S. E. Price was a truly great man. His passing is keenly felt by friends throughout the world."

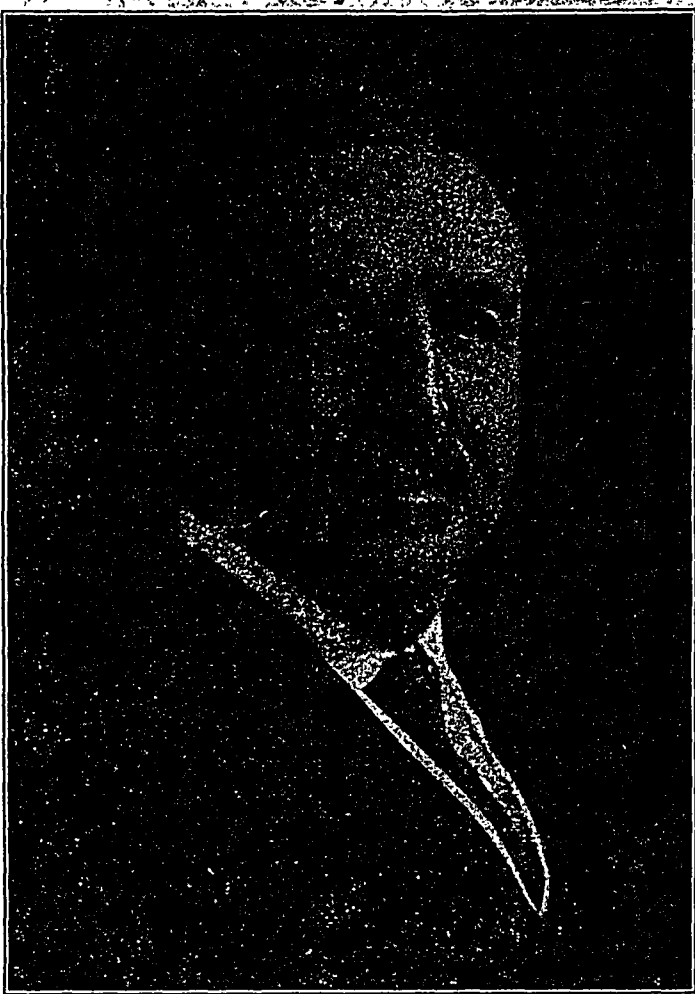
"His modesty and quiet dignity caused him to seem almost austere upon the first meeting, but this was soon dispelled through his sympathetic interest and cheerful disposition. The student was always welcome and at ease in his office. He never was too busy to listen to individual perplexities and problems, and his advice and encouragement were always given with such genuine personal understanding that one left him with renewed faith and ambition."

These personal tributes tell better than anything else could the real worth and influence of the life of Dr. Price. Ottawa University is a fortunate school, a better school, for having had such a man as her president for eighteen years.

Bertha Wilson, '32, is teaching this year in the Beaumont, Kansas, high school.

Robert Daniel, '27, is in Seattle, Washington with the Drumheller, Erlichman, and White Bond company.

Norvel Daniel, '33, of Louisburg was injured October 5 when the car in which he was riding turned over.



THE LIFE STORY OF DR. PRICE WILL BE AN INSPIRATION FOR GENERATIONS YET TO COME

In the Welsh Hills, Licking county, Ohio, a third son was born to Thomas D. and Sarah J. Price, February 28, 1860. This son, Silas Eber Price, was destined to become a man loved and honored by everyone with whom he came in contact. This boy of the hills attended the Welsh Hills District school and the Granville Academy at Granville, Ohio. He later went to Dennison University and graduated from that institution in 1884. Fifty years ago this fall he preached his first sermon as a licensed preacher in the little Welsh Hills Baptist church where he immediately won the hearts of the people.

After graduating from the Baptist Union Theological Seminary at Morgan Park, Illinois, he was ordained to the Baptist ministry at La Crosse, Wisconsin, in 1887. From 1887 to 1906 he held pastorates at La Crosse, Wisconsin; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Ottawa, Kansas.

In 1906 Ottawa University was in need of a great man upon whose shoulders it might rest its heavy burdens. This need was met when Dr. Silas Eber Price, who was then serving as pastor of the First Baptist church of Ottawa, accepted the presidency of the University. In the mid-summer of 1906 he began his services as executive head of Ottawa University which were to last for eighteen progressive and beneficial years.

In 1887 he took for his bride Miss Nettie May Sandon of Ontario, Wisconsin. To them were born two children, Clair S., now a resident of London, England, and a correspondent of the New York Times, and Hattie May, for some time associate principal of the Baptist Mission school for girls in Mandalay, Burma.

When Dr. Price took his place at the head of Ottawa University, people realized he was the great leader for whom the University had been seeking. The 1907 Sagamore, the school annual, speaks thus: "Under the leadership of President Price we may confidently expect in the next few years not only continued, but continually increasing success. Success does mark his administration of Dr. Price as we look back through those eighteen years of progress."

After the second year of Dr. Price's administration it had been proved beyond doubt that greater things were in store for Ottawa University under his leadership. He strengthened the faculty, raised the standard of scholarship, encouraged the best sort of college spirit and was largely responsible for the good normal growth that was so in evidence in every department of the University. His executive and business ability won for the institution the good will and support of all the Baptist people of Kansas, while his genuine whole-souled manliness commanded the confidence and esteem of the entire student body. He was a source of great inspiration to students and faculty alike. With never-ceasing and untiring energy he was behind every movement that looked toward the building up of the school. The extraordinary growth that was witnessed during his entire eighteen years of administration and that transformed Ottawa University, was already begun in the first years of his service.

When the board of trustees called Dr. Price to the presidency, they felt the need of someone who could be a real leader among students and faculty and who could handle wisely the financial problems of the University. As a master of both lines Dr. Price achieved unparalleled success.

The interest and welfare of the students were always uppermost in the mind of Dr. Price. One of his main objectives was to build up O. U. to the highest point consistent with efficiency and service to the students. One of the first things which he did was to bring the school up to the requirements of the North Central Association of Colleges and Sec-

ondary Schools. This important step was accomplished in 1908. Then the ambitious executive set about to enlarge those departments which the University had already maintained and to add new courses. When he became president, the faculty numbered but nineteen and when he resigned it numbered twenty-seven. In 1906 the student body was small—only 130—but through his untiring efforts and interest the student body grew until it reached 420 in 1924.

Perhaps the most striking advances during the presidency of Dr. Price were made on the financial side of the institution's development. In fact, it more than kept pace with the numerical and departmental growth. In 1906 the total assets of the University amounted to about \$150,000. During the next 18 years the value of the property alone increased a million dollars. By 1920 an endowment campaign for \$400,000 had been brought to a successful completion.

Part of this large fund was invested in a new gymnasium which was built in 1915. This project, however, had been started by the students themselves. The class of 1913 bequeathed to the new gym the sum of \$2,012.36. From this time the campaign was carried on with vigor. The trustees endorsed the proposition, and plans for a \$35,000 building were drawn up in the summer of 1913. Dr. Price was thoroughly behind the proposition and entered into the campaign work with an enthusiasm that brought results. The first actual work was begun on the new building on Charter Day, April 21, 1914. The entire student body helped dig the foundation. It was estimated that \$150 worth of labor was donated by the students that day. From this time on the work was pushed as fast as possible and on January 11, 1915, the gym was formally opened. It was christened "The Student building" because the students had played such a large part in its construction.

Ward Science Hall and the heating plant were also built during the presidency of Dr. Price. The 1920 annual makes this comment: "Just south of University Hall is a pile of stone and steel which is being converted as rapidly as possible into the long hoped-for Ward Science Hall, at a cost of approximately \$100,000 equipped. The contract has just been let to a Topeka firm for a central heating plant, to be housed in the Commons Building. Work will be started this spring on the Commons building which will cost at least \$115,000."

A new athletic field, tennis courts and beautification of the campus were other projects accomplished during the administration of Dr. Price. All these features are permanent improvements and will stand for years to come, the results of the untiring efforts of a former president who commands the admiration of all who claim an interest in Ottawa University.

Material gain is not the only thing for which we shall remember Dr. Price. His life and personality claim a large place in the hearts of all who knew him. Students who attended O. U. during Dr. Price's administration have not forgotten his kind and sympathetic interest in them, have not forgotten the advice and aid he gave to help them through trying difficulties, have not forgotten his chapel talks, nor his ever-ready jokes.

In 1924 Dr. Price retired as president of the University which he loved so well and to which he left his heart and soul. At the commencement exercises, June 4, 1924, he was made President Emeritus and the honorary degree of doctor of law was conferred upon him. The school, in order to show its love and gratitude for such a man, granted him a pension of \$1,000 annually which of course could only repay him in a very, very small way for

CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep,
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

—Alfred Tennyson

that which he had given to Ottawa University—his life.

Upon retiring from the presidency of Ottawa University he and his wife took a trip around the world which covered a period of two years. Before their departure, the students, with misty eyes, presented to Dr. Price and his wife some fine leather luggage for their trip. The gift was wrapped in red hearts, symbolic of their love for him. Dr. Price, with unsteady words, gave in a grateful and kindly way, words of thanks for the lovely gift. The students said that this trip would be a "second honeymoon" for the president and his wife. During their tour friends here at O. U. heard often from Dr. Price, for his heart remained in Ottawa.

Returning to the United States in 1926, Dr. Price retired in Pasadena, California, where he lived until his death, October 27. During his years in Pasadena he still gave of himself to every worthwhile project. He occupied the positions of chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist church of Pasadena, chairman of the building committee of the \$250,000 church school building, teacher of an adult Bible class, and chairman of the committee on religious education.

On October 27, 1934, the man to whom Ottawa University owes its respect and love, passed away as the result of a heart ailment. At his own request his body was brought back to Ohio and placed in the Welsh Hills Cemetery—back to the same hills in which he had been given life.

It may be said of Dr. Silas Eber Price that throughout his life he "fought the good fight." His life will always be cherished and held dear in the memories of those who love and cherish O. U.

BEAUTIFUL SERVICE HELD AT PASADENA

Funeral Service for Dr. Price Is Held in Chapel of First Baptist Church

The funeral service for Dr. S. E. Price was held at 4 p. m., Tuesday, October 30, in the beautiful Chapel of the First Baptist church of Pasadena, California. The pastor, Dr. Daniel F. Rittenhouse, was in charge and spoke briefly as did also Professor Robert H. Lynn, Mr. C. F. Lamb, formerly of Ottawa and now of Pasadena, was the funeral director. Southern California has one of the strongest alumni chapters of Ottawa University and the chapter was well represented at the service. Many educators and ministers in contact with Doctor Price while he was at Ottawa and now living in California were present. Among these were eighteen or twenty from the University of Redlands. The following beautiful tribute to Dr. Price was given at his funeral service by one of his former students, Prof. Robert H. Lynn of the University of Redlands, California.

"We gather in this place this afternoon in tender memory of our departed friend and leader, Dr. Silas Eber Price. Among us in this gathering are many who knew him well on the Campus of Ottawa University of which he was for eighteen years the honored President. Among us also are those who have known him better since his retirement and removal to Southern California."

"We do well to pause in our busy life to recount something of the significant contribution which Doctor Price made to the cause of Christian education and something of his inspiration to young people."

"When Doctor Price came to Ottawa as pastor of the First Baptist church he found the University a typical, small, denominational college. Born and nurtured out of the prayers and heart devotion of Christian people in a great agricultural state, the University was not exactly young among American colleges. Founded in the year 1849 it already had a strong alumni group whose influence was being felt in the various countries of the world as well as throughout America."

"With the coming of Doctor Price to the Presidency of the University, the institution entered upon a new era in its history. The new President was soon recognized as having vision, initiative, foresight and a business sagacity greatly needed by the University at that time. These qualities of his personality soon were causing the University to move out into larger spheres of usefulness. This was evidenced in several different ways.

"Funds for new buildings were made available. The new gymnasium was the first building to be erected during this period. Then came the Ward Science Hall and the Central Heating Plant. The remodeling of the old Science Building as the permanent quarters for the Conservatory of Music came in the later years of Doctor Price's administration as did also the arrangement for the University to purchase the President's home. More than half the buildings on the Campus were either erected or remodelled during these seventeen years."

"There was evidence also of higher academic standards at Ottawa University. We who were in the classes as students were aware that more was expected of us. New faculty members came who had good training and high ideals."

"During these years the constituency was increased. Throughout the great state of Kansas was an ever increasing number of Christian people who were praying for the University. They directed their gifts to Christian Education and their sons and daughters toward Ottawa."

"The University found in Doctor Price a continued emphasis upon the Christian view of life. In his classroom he was fair and charitable toward the views that differed from his own and his emphasis was upon the constructive elements of our Christian faith. In his chapel talks he held before us the Christian ideals. How many of us here today recall his emphasis upon the harmony which we all might have with the great moral and spiritual forces that govern our lives! His life was like a tree. I remember thinking this exact thought when I looked upon a great tree in the country east of Ottawa. Here it was with its roots running far into the ground to gather nourishment from the fertile soil, and with its branches perfectly to med in symmetry and beauty. The tree was living its life in harmony with the laws of nature that governed it. It caused me to think of the harmony in our spiritual life so often stressed by our beloved president in his public utterances."

"These, and others I have not mentioned, are significant contributions which Doctor Price has made to the cause of Christian Education. But perhaps it was the man himself who meant most to us who were students at Ottawa during those eighteen years."

"He could enjoy our fun. He was interested in our athletics, our forensics and our social good times. It was common parlance with us that Ottawa University was just one great family with Doctor and Mrs. Price at the head and the rest of us as members of the family. We knew he could enjoy our fun but we knew how far we could go with our puns, for he could be stern."

"He was cooperative. It was during his administration that Ottawa University, along with other colleges throughout the country, gave larger recognition to student opinion. It was not uncommon for students to sit in Faculty and Board Committee meetings. We found Doctor Price thoroughly in accord with this spirit of cooperation. Many of us observed also his hearty cooperation with Doctor Elliott, Pastor of the First Baptist church. The perfectly delightful fellowship of these two men was a constant inspiration to us."

"His trustworthy counsel held our profound respect. I went to him once with the question as to whether I should go to Shanghai. We were in the midst of the Ottawa-In-China Movement. It was similar to our Redlands-In-Burma project. We talked for perhaps twenty minutes. He did not tell me what to do. But when I left, he had said to me, 'Lynn, if you should find yourself casting your life with young people as a Christian teacher, you will have a greater influence than if you held the pulpit of the strongest church in America.' The years have passed since that evening when we talked together. I did find myself gradually turning toward work with young people, and at this moment I have no regrets."

"He was magnanimous. And he was that to friend and foe alike. I thought of him often in the closing days of his administration at Ottawa. And I thought of him in the words of Edwin Markham: 'He drew a circle and shut me out. Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout; But love and I had the wit to win. We drew a circle and took him in.'"

"Those of us who have known him since his retirement and removal to Southern California have seen in him a kindly man. To us he was a refined, cultured, Christian gentleman. When he and I were talking recently about a particular line of Christian thought in which we both were interested, he mentioned to me the books which had been helpful to him, and he was careful to say that S. D. Gordon in his *EOCE HOMO* has 'the most kindly statement of that position.' Here he was looking for the kindly in literature and seeking to pass it on. In our Southern California Alumni meetings we saw him as a kindly man."

"He has held the banner high. We who are lesser men must needs grow tall if we would attain his moral and spiritual stature. Be it ours to carry on."

Gladys Garnett, '32, has arrived at her post at Mt. Herman school in Darjeeling, India. This place is located in the mountains about 7,000 feet above sea level and is one of the most beautiful spots in the world. On her way to Darjeeling she visited ten days at Balasore, her former missionary post.

OTTAWA UNITES TO HONOR DR. PRICE

Dr. Behan Spoke in Behalf of O. U., Prof. Palmquist, the Student, Rev. Elliott, the Church.

A Memorial Service for Dr. S. E. Price, President Emeritus of Ottawa University, was held at 11 a. m. at the First Baptist church Sunday morning, November 11. The organ prelude played by Dorothy Bumbuck was Rheinberger's "Vision," betokening a significant characteristic of Dr. Price. Following the prelude, the choir hummed and the congregation joined in singing "The Homeland, O the Homeland."

Reverend E. S. Stucker read several selections of scripture, and offered prayer. The robed choir, directed by B. Smith Hawthorn, sang the beautiful anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," by Harry Rowe Shelley. For offertory solo, Eugene Townsend sang, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Dr. Behan Represents O. U. Dr. W. P. Behan, acting president of Ottawa University, gave the first tribute to Dr. Price in behalf of the University. It was as follows:

"Mr. Palmquist and Dr. Elliott will speak to you more specifically on the outstanding characteristics, achievements, and ministries of Dr. Price but I wish to call your attention to certain of the sources, the fountain-springs of his rugged, fruitful and Christ-like manhood.

Seventy-four years ago last February Silas Eber Price, third son of Thomas D. and Sarah J. Price, was born in the Welsh Hills, Licking county, Ohio, about six miles west of Newark and 30 miles east of Columbus. He was licensed to preach by the little Welsh Baptist church organized in 1808, not far from his home and preached his first sermon in that church fifty years ago this fall.

Last Friday afternoon, November 9th, relatives and friends joined the membership of that little church in paying tribute to this man who had started out from among them a half century ago and whose body then reposed in a casket in their midst. It was my high privilege to represent officially and personally this church and our college at that significant gathering and I feel sure you would like me to tell you something of that occasion.

The Welsh Hills Baptist church is located on the top of a beautiful hill just across the valley from the old Price farm. The original wooden building was replaced some forty years ago by a cement block structure which though somewhat larger than its predecessor, still retains the form and much of the interior arrangement of the former structure. In the front of the building are three high windows, the central one being stained glass—a memorial to Thomas D. and Sarah J. Price, the parents of Dr. Eber and his seven brothers. The pews are plain and straight, the heat came from a little wood stove, there was no modern pipe organ, but from a sweet-toned cabinet organ a faithful member accompanied a male quartet drawn from the neighborhood, whose voices, though untrained, were sympathetic and harmonious. They attempted no elaborate music, but sang with much feeling and simply the familiar hymn "Rock of Ages."

Five brothers and members of their families gathered in the home and in the church. One, Asa, died when only 17 a freshman in Denison; another, Mark, passed away some years ago in Texas. Dr. Milo and his wife had driven from Owatonna, Minn.; Dr. Ira and his wife and Mrs. Enoch, drove from Chicago; Dr. Orlo came from Rochester, N. Y.; still another brother, Enoch, had gone from his Chicago home to California after Dr. Eber's death and had arrived only the night before with his brother's body. A fifth brother, Homer, with his wife and son and daughter-in-law, live now in the family home and were hosts to other relatives and friends.

The body had been brought that beautiful November day in the morning to the old home where it lay in the familiar room and in the midst of loved ones of the Price family circle. At one-thirty members of the family from the younger generation bore the body, for the last time across the wide, sunny porch, through the little wicket-gate, near the barns and the orchards. Dr. Eber knew so well to the funeral car which carried it slowly down the beautiful shaded lane that led to the road, across the valley, and up the hill to the old church bathed in the soft rays of the November sun.

The church has no regular pastor at present but all this fall Dr. Detweiler, Dean of Denison University, and a long time friend of the family, has been conducting the Sunday morning services. It was he who had charge of the service Friday, both at the church and at the cemetery. After the invocation Dr. Detweiler read appropriate passages from the 90th and 23rd Psalms, John 14, and 1 Cor. 15, the male quartet sang "Rock of Ages" and the first tribute was brought by Dr. Leon Smith, a former student of Dr. Price here at Ottawa, receiving from his hand his diploma in 1919, and at present head of the Physics Department of Denison University. I followed with my tribute to his services and influence as pastor of this church and as president of the university; after another hymn by the quartet and prayer by Dr. Detweiler

the simple service at the church was over and we went to the cemetery.

The old Welsh Hills burying ground lies on the top and side of a sloping tree-covered hill some two or three miles from the church building. Here four generations of Prices lie buried along side of the pioneers of early days and many of their descendants.

In 1927 when the Price family reunion was being held on the old farm four brothers, Ira, Eber, Milo and Homer, went out and selected four lots for themselves and their families on the top of this sun-crowned, wind-swept hill commanding a glorious view of the valley and hills to the south and east. Dr. Eber is the first one of these four to find his resting place in this beautiful spot.

Is it any wonder that Dr. Eber, in a conversation with Dr. Elliott some time ago, expressed himself as not being indifferent to where his body rested after death? "I want to go back and lie in the old Welsh Hills." As I gazed out upon those Welsh hills last Friday glowing in the November sun, shorn of their autumnal brilliancy, but still beautiful in more sober grandeur, the thinning branches of the trees more clearly revealing the silent strength and peace of the hills, I did not wonder at Dr. Eber's preference for his last resting place.

In those hills so many years ago a humble, God-fearing man and woman founded a Christian home, unafraid of work, undaunted by adverse circumstances, unswervingly loyal to their God and Sovereign. There they reared their eight boys, all country-bred in simple necessary duties of the farm home, in the district country school, in the little rural church. Their roots early entwined in a religion that was personal and real, and though life was not easy, it was made joyous and rich in work and fellowship, in family partnership and aspiration, home, school, church all permeated with the consciousness of God's presence, holiness and love, with a conscious dependence upon His guidance and strength with the desire and determination to serve Him and His creatures faithfully and well. What a heritage! Our nation today would not be so sunk in moral collapse and shame if only such homes had been multiplied and preserved, that our nation has any degree of genuine Christian life and commanding ideals is due to such homes as these, and our one hope for the days to come lies in such homes as this among the Welsh Hills, which we hope and pray our own youth will purposefully build and maintain. What a challenge!

It is not strange that living among these hills and in such a home these boys have been able to incorporate so much of the ruggedness and strength of the hills in their own lives and have gone out into their world not only to fill responsible places of outstanding leadership but to exert such commanding Christian influence upon their fellows.

The passing of Dr. Silas Eber Price, president of Ottawa University for eighteen years and president emeritus for ten years, has closed the earthly career of a man who was a prince among men, a Christian gentleman and friend, a valued counsellor, a loved pastor, an inspiring teacher, an efficient administrator in college administration, and above and through all a humble and faithful disciple of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and perhaps no man through the life of the school has left upon its student life and the policies of the school a deeper impression, or given it a finer loyalty, or desired for it more earnestly a Christian outlook and influence.

This morning his body lies at rest amid the hills he loved, but his eager spirit has already responded to the new challenge life brings to him beyond the hills, and it is for us to see to it that in our church, in our college, in our lives, wherever we are, we show the same rugged character, the same sympathetic spirit, the same personal devotion to a Risen Lord and Master, the same determination to lead others to follow and serve the same Saviour and Friend."

Mr. Palmquist Speaks For Alumni

Prof. Theodore Palmquist, '25, spoke next of Dr. Price as a teacher.

"It is a great honor, I feel, to be asked to speak in behalf of the alumni or the student body of the college in Dr. Price's day, in this memorial service. An honor wholly unearned and undeserved, with an obligation attached that I find hard to fulfill. Some pastor, who sat at his feet while in college, should have this privilege and would discharge the obligation with greater eloquence. Since the pleasure and honor is mine, however, I want to talk from my heart and with the profoundest respect about Dr. Price as 'The Teacher.'"

One of the finest addresses I ever heard was delivered by a prominent minister before a group of teachers. His subject was "The Teacher." Of course, the Christ was the teacher of whom he spoke—the example he held up before us. Today I am calling Dr. Price, the teacher, not perfect, not one who never made a mistake, but a wonderful, human, sympathetic, understanding teacher and guide of young people. The more challenging because he was like one of us.

In the last couple of days a

whole flood of happy memories of school have poured into my mind, and it is surprising in how many of them this certain teacher is the important figure. Mine, I believe, must have been a most fortunate generation at O. U. We had the privilege of learning something first hand, while he still was alive, about Dr. Ward—the grand old man of O. U.; we welcomed to the faculty at Ottawa the present acting-president, Dr. Behan; and were guided through the intellectual storms and calms of a college career by the steady hand and encouraged by the generous heart and sympathetic understanding of the one to whom we pay tribute today. The impact of three such personalities upon any group of young people is of tremendous significance.

Whatever the school activity—reception, party, athletic contest—if there were a number of students present one could count upon Dr. Price and his ready smile. From the first time a student met him he was assured of Dr. Price's interest in him. That interest continued after the student left school and even after Dr. Price left Ottawa. Many alumni and former students can testify to that. Upon what occasion did you send him any word concerning yourself after you left school and your path and his grew farther apart? A wedding announcement? And did not his answer and his blessing upon the fruit of his "pear orchard" touch your heart? Did you send an announcement when your life had a new joy and a greater purpose for living added to it? No mere printed congratulations came from him. No, indeed! A letter written in his own hand, expressing his joy in your new happiness. His unselfish, understanding, sympathetic and abiding interest in the students under his care mark him as a genuine teacher.

He was a scholar himself and encouraged others to be scholars. He had a scientific mind—accurate, inquisitive, persevering—well able to relate the research in science to the essential teachings of religion. He was sincere and commanded the respect of his fellow workers. He was patient and understanding thoughtful of others, and radiated cheerfulness. Even when his health was failing and a number of difficult problems in connection with the college were weighing heavily upon his mind and heart, he still maintained that cheerful disposition. I remember the farewell gift of the student body to Dr. and Mrs. Price—some luggage for their trip. It was attractively wrapped and decorated with red hearts—presented to them as part of their accessories on a "second honeymoon." The lump in his throat and the load in his heart, and ours too, was lightened by his smile and grateful words of acceptance. I looked just last night at a snap shot of them taken that day.

In his class work, in chapel talks, and in personal conferences and interviews Dr. Price was a constant inspiration to us to strive continually for the things that are high and noble, clean and worthwhile in life. The value of such contributions defy measurement. Back of all institutions of higher learning there is always someone who guides it through its success, its difficulties, its progress; someone who guides the faculty, who shows to faltering students the right path, who steadies student actions in time of excitement, who gives to the student ideals for which to strive, in fact, someone who is of such sterling worth and who has such a resolute character that he determines the principles, motives and character of the school. For eighteen years that position was filled most effectively by Dr. S. E. Price.

So to the memory of Dr. Silas Eber Price, the able scholar, the sympathetic teacher, the loyal friend, the wise administrator, whose personality, foresight and sincere devotion to the ideals of Ottawa University whose influence in the lives of college students has inspired them to carry out in useful Christian living the dream of our Alma Mater's song—"to heal earth's sin and woe"—we most reverently bow."

Rev. Elliott Speaks for Church

Rev. W. A. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church, spoke last in behalf of the church of which Dr. Price was pastor for two years.

"If it is difficult to define a friend, it is still more difficult to evaluate friendship. Only one who has had a friend, knows, or can know, what a friend is; only one who has enjoyed the luxury of friendship can appreciate all that it means to human life.

When Charles Kingsley was asked the secret of his gentle and tranquil life, he replied; "I have a Friend." I suppose he had in mind the Heavenly Friend, but many of us today know that we are what we are, pretty largely, by virtue of our friends. The play of one personality on another personality is the mightiest influence known to men. Friendship makes or mar men's lives. Friendship enriches or impoverishes; builds or destroys.

Others have told you this morning of the achievements of Dr. Price—as Teacher, Executive, Builder, Leader. I shall be content to speak of him as a friend, true and loyal through the years.

I came to know him soon after he came to our State, as pastor of this Church in 1904, while I was pastor of the First Baptist church, Newton, Kansas. For eighteen

years he as President of the College, and I, as pastor of this church, had much in common. We were mutual counsellors and advisers. He shared his problems with me, and I shared my problems with him.

Since his removal from Ottawa that friendship that sprang up through those years has been fed and nourished by constant and continuous correspondence. The week of his death, letters were exchanged, and matters of mutual interest discussed. I think of Dr. Price today as a man of a kindly heart and generous impulses. Those who knew him best knew he was not unapproachable, but knew him to be the kindest and most approachable of men. Sincerity, genuineness, unassuming goodness were the qualities that commended him to his friends. Students had ready access to his office and to his friendship, and the recollection of his concern and interest in them, lingers like a precious memory in the hearts of many students scattered over this world.

Dr. Price had a well-seasoned and well-grounded faith in God and in the ultimate victory of Christianity.

He was not a man tossed about by every wind of doctrine, and by every spasmodic movement that arose in the world of religion. He was not carried away by temporary movements within his own denomination. He was as a man whose faith had been anchored. This no doubt grew out of the fact that he had been soundly and thoroughly trained in Christian theology. He had been college trained, and was a graduate of the Morgan Park Baptist Theological Seminary. He had sat at the feet of giants in theological thinking and had found his bearings before he ever assumed to preach and teach. Hence cross-currents of debate and theological discussions, interested him, but did not confuse him or unsettle him—as they did many others.

When other men of lesser mold grew panicky, Dr. Price was seeing straight and steering his course with even keel. Even when good men assailed him, and persecuted him, and traduced him during the most shameful period in our Baptist history, Dr. Price stood calm and unruffled, willing to allow the years to justify his position, which the years have abundantly done.

Dr. Price was many-sided. I never heard anyone call him brilliant. He was not a man who flashed across the horizon like a dazzling meteor, illuminating the whole sky by its scintillating brightness. But he could do many things and do them well. He had the genius to plod and to accomplish. He was more than an ordinary preacher; as many who sat under his ministry will testify. He was an executive of the first order. He was a teacher that inspired and made effective his teaching. He was a master builder. The visible monument of Silas Eber Price is to be seen on the Campus, in the splendid buildings which were constructed under his administration.

In the going of Dr. Price I have personally experienced a grievous loss. The author of the book "Magnificent Obsession" writes these significant words: "To lose a friend in whom one has invested something of one's own personality, was, I discovered, to have lost a certain amount of one's self."

Something of myself, something vitally related to me and my happiness and satisfactions, has been lost, and I feel the loneliness of it. But some day, after these fitful days have passed these broken friendships and comradeships will be renewed, nevermore to be severed.

In paying our tribute to Dr. Price this morning, we would not forget to bring our need of praise to his companion in all of his labors—Mrs. Nettie Price. She was a true help-mate and endeared herself to many men and women wherever they lived. And Hattie the daughter, who shared the convictions of her father and mother, and who gave her young life to the cause of World-Evangelization, we remember in this hour with deepest sympathy and gratitude. We extend to Mrs. Price Hattie and son Claire, our sincerest sympathy and affection and assure them of our continued goodwill and best wishes."

Following Rev. Elliott's tribute Mrs. Aaron W. Hancock, an Indian singer, sang "When I Look in His Face," and the service closed with a benediction.

RECEIVES UNUSUAL BOOK

A very interesting book of autographs collected by Dr. M. L. Ward, Ottawa University's "Grand Old Man," was presented to the University library recently by Mrs. Grace Meeker, a niece of Dr. Ward. The collection of autographs was started in 1884 when Dr. Ward was teaching in Norwich, New York and was continued after he came to O. U. In the front of the book, which is completely filled with autographs, is the following pledge: "We whose autographs are herein placed, do pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and also to use our influence to induce our friends and associates to adopt the principle of Total Abstinence. Total Abstinence Secures Safety."

The book has a fine leather binding, and the signatures are written in a number of quaint old-fashioned styles. Many of them are beautiful samples of handwriting.

PROSPICE
Fear death—to feel the fog in my throat,
The mist in my face,
When the snows begin, and the blasts denote
I am nearing the place,
The power of the night, the press of the storm,
The post of the foe;
Where he stands, the Arch Fear in a visible form,
Yet the strong man must go;
For the journey is done and the summit attained,
And the barriers fall,
Though a battle's to fight ere the guerdon be gained
The reward of it all,
I was ever a fighter, so—once fight more,
The best and the last!
I would hate that death banded my eyes, and forebore,
And bade me creep past,
No! let me taste the whole of it, fare like my peers
The heroes of old,
Bear the brunt, in a minute pay glad life's arrears
Of pain, darkness and cold.
For sudden the worst turns the best to the brave,
The black minute's at end,
And the elements' rage, the fiend-voices that rave,
Shall dwindle, shall blend,
Shall change, shall become first a peace out of pain,
Then a light, then thy breast,
O thou soul of my soul! I shall sleep thee again,
And with God be the rest!

—Robert Browning.

O. U. HAS BEAUTIFUL PORTRAIT OF DR. PRICE

Mr. Sam Marsh Made Arrangements for Having Portrait Made

Ottawa University is greatly indebted to Mr. Sam Marsh of Chicago and the Chicago chapter of O. U. alumni for the beautiful portrait of Dr. Price which hangs in the front of the chapel. Mr. Marsh conceived of the idea, secured the artist, made all arrangements for the sittings, solicited contributions, and even made plans for the unveiling of the portrait at Ottawa while he was in Chicago. It was unveiled June 1, 1926, in the chapel where it now hangs. Mr. Marsh was very ably assisted by Miss Nell Pattie, Miss Margaret Froning, Mr. Harold T. Hanson and Dr. George A. Collett of the Chicago alumni association, and Miss Lulu M. Brown of Ottawa University. Committees from many alumni chapters assisted in securing contributions and, needless to say, practically all of the alumni who graduated during the presidency of Dr. Price as well as many, many others who knew him made generous contributions.

Mr. Ralph Clarkson, an outstanding Chicago artist, painted the portrait for the sum of \$1,000, which is a very small sum for a portrait as excellent as the one of Dr. Price. It was painted while Dr. Price was in Chicago just before he sailed in July, 1924 for Europe. Sittings for the portrait lasted for two hours a day for a period of ten days, and the artist completed the gown and background later.

Mr. Clarkson is a member of the Chicago Municipal Art Commission and the Illinois State Art Commission. Some of the people he has made portraits of are Lorado Taft, whose portrait hangs in the National Academy in New York City, Professor Albert A. Nicholson, whose portrait has won the Nobel Prize, Ex-Governor John P. Altgelt, Charles S. Denver and Frank O. Lowden, whose portraits are hanging in the state house at Springfield, Illinois.

OTHER TRIBUTES

Mr. Frank W. Padelford, secretary of the Baptist Board of Education in New York City, speaks of Dr. Price's connection with that board. "I have learned of the passing of Dr. S. E. Price with keen regret and I appreciate the opportunity of joining with other friends in this tribute to his memory. Of his leadership at Ottawa I need not write. Let me write of his connection with the Baptist Board of Education. He was a member of the little group of men who twenty-two years ago began the planning for this Board. He believed that the Baptists ought to work together for the development of their program of Christian education. He became one of the original members of this Board of Education and retained his membership until his removal to California.

"We always regarded Dr. Price as one of the most valued members of the Board. He always contributed wisdom, and experience to our discussions. He believed that religion is an essential element in all true education, and gave himself unreservedly to its promotion. Dr. Price always thought a second time before he spoke or acted. That was why his associates always listened to him. That was why he made few mistakes and why his successors have had to correct few errors. His words were always the words of wisdom."

Mrs. Edna Umstot Mowbray, '16, who served as Dr. Price's secretary during her years in college, sends her tribute. "The influence of Dr. Price upon my life is far more than that of a passing acquaintance or an occasional instructor. The years in which it was my privilege to work for him and with him have made upon me an indelible impression, and have brought a personal challenge to nobler living. The following are a few of the outstanding characteristics which live on in the memory of those who knew him:

His genuine courtesy and cordiality
His thoughtful consideration of all people
His warmth of personal interest
His ability to discover and draw out one's best
His fidelity to the cause of Christian Education
His patient endurance under heavy loads
His personal religious experience
His radiant consistency in every day living."

Mr. Sam Marsh was head of the group who arranged for having Dr. Price's portrait made. He writes: "I shall not soon forget my first impression of Dr. Price when I entered the Academy at Ottawa in 1907. His splendid physical appearance, his large clear and kindly eyes, the melody of his voice and his thoughtful and serious attitude suggested to me that he was aware of his great mission in life and that he had the intellect, the sympathy of heart and the physical capability to do his work as it should be done.

His six years of association with him verified those first impressions. Whenever I took to him a problem concerning my student life he always dealt with me in a kind, considerate and helpful manner and his decisions in my behalf were always well considered and sound. He was a good citizen, a loyal friend, an inspiring teacher and an able administrator."

Rev. Frank Jennings, '12, pastor of the Baptist Church of the Master, Chicago, pays this beautiful tribute to Dr. Price: "Dr. Silas Eber Price was one of the great souls who helped largely in building into our Alma Mater the character and idealism that have made her great.

"Deeply religious, he believed that religion could be made intellectually respectable. Believing in the work of forces upon life beyond our understanding, he wanted knowledge of those forces so far as it is attainable and had an intense desire for honesty in dealing with available facts. I will remember one of his chapel talks on 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.' That, I think, is indicative of one of the deepest guiding principles of his life, and many a student, confused with the truth being so swiftly put forward in those days, looks back on Dr. Price's attitude and teaching with humble and profound gratitude."

Miss Lettie G. Archer, '18, a missionary to China, who is now in the United States on furlough, writes: "Though we sorrow at this time for the passing of Dr. S. E. Price, to many of us who were in O. U. when he was our president there comes a feeling of joy that we were so fortunate as to have known him, and that our lives received the impress of his kindly spirit and the inspiration of his noble and great personality. Comparatively few people in passing on leave a very wide influence, but the spirit of our beloved Dr. Price lives on in many lives in all parts of the world to inspire to nobler and higher service. He was not only our College President, but was also our friend."

Alumni

The Homecoming festivities three weeks ago were successful in spite of a downpour of rain that lasted throughout the Homecoming game. About 150 out of town alumni returned to the campus for the Homecoming activities. Some came a few days early and visited friends in Ottawa. All enjoyed the annual reunion with classmates and friends of years past.

Paul Keezel, who attended O. U. as a sophomore last year, is enrolled in the George Williams University at Chicago, Illinois, this winter. He is staying at the Christopher House and is working in the settlement district there. He has under his supervision boys of as many as 25 different nationalities.

Loren Lucas, '24 who lives at Chicago made a motor trip last summer covering 2,000 miles through 26 states. He is a chemistry teacher in the Cicero high school. A paper written by him on "Organization in Chemistry," has been published recently in the "Illinois Teacher."

Marian Marshall, '25, now teaching in Westport junior high school, visited in the Orient last summer. Much of the time abroad she spent in Japan where, Elma Tharp, '31 was her hostess. In a letter sent to O. U. she recommends the Orient to those who would like to go abroad. She spoke of visiting in the home of Shimamura, who also graduated with the class of '25, and who sends her greetings to O. U. She also recommends Miss Tharp as a guide for those traveling in Japan. On shipboard Miss Marshall met by chance Dr. Bernice McCoy and discovered that Dr. McCoy graduated from Ottawa University in 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Donnelly, former students of O. U., now living in Pueblo, Colorado, announce the birth of a daughter, Janetta Elizabeth, November 2, 1926. Mrs. Donnelly was formerly Miss Margaret McPherson. She is a sister of Don McPherson, a sophomore in the University this year.