

Dr. Julius Rohrbach Dies at Age of 82

The Rev. Julius Rohrbach, D. D., died on Wednesday, May 8, in his home, 1123 Linden avenue, at the age of 82 years. Dr. Rohrbach was born in Gotha, Thuringia, Germany. Throughout his life he had been active in missionary and Sunday school work.

During the Franco-Prussian war Dr. Rohrbach was called from high school to the colors, but having chosen the Lutheran ministry as his calling, he was exempted. In the fall of 1873 he was graduated from the University of Halle, where he enjoyed the friendship of the famous Professor Tholuck.

In 1875, after having finished his studies at Jena university, a scholarship, granted for special research work in Hebrew and Semitic languages, took him to England with a special introduction to Max Mueller at Oxford. He was entertained royally as a representative of German research and learning.

In England Dr. Rohrbach met some of the outstanding Christian leaders of the day, including Dr. H. Grattan Guinness, who, in those years was organizing his well known East London Institute for Home and Foreign Missions.

Headed Hulme Cliff College

Dr. Rohrbach was asked to take charge of Hulme Cliff college, Curbar, Derbyshire, and for years was president of this institution, which was frequented by students of many nationalities. In 1881 Dr. Rohrbach organized a Free church in Berlin. This church soon became a center of home as well as world-wide foreign missionary activity.

Dr. Rohrbach had a special interest in Sunday school work. He organized the Free Church Sunday School union, which brought him in touch with Sunday school work in England and America, as well as in other parts of the world.

The World Sunday school union invited Dr. Rohrbach as its delegate to represent the European Sunday school work at the World's Sixth Sunday School convention at Washington, D. C., in May, 1910.

Chaplain During War

At the beginning of the World war Dr. Rohrbach came to the United States to live. During the war, however, he was called back as chaplain for German, English and Russian prison camps.

Since 1917 he has been in Chicago and since 1920 in Wilmette, keeping in touch by word and pen with his many international interests.

He is survived by five children, Dr. Marion W. Stoughton of Wilmette, with whom he lived; Harold J. Rohrbach of Reading, England; the Rev. E. A. Rohrbach of Stockholm, Sweden; Mrs. David Gibbins of Edgobaston, England, and the Rev. John H. Bowman of the Maplewood Baptist church, Chicago.

The funeral services for the so-called "international saint" were held last Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Wilmette, with the Rev. George D. Allison, pastor of that church, officiating. Burial took place at Memorial Park cemetery.

Brice Stephens of 760 Cherry street, Winnetka, formerly of Wilmette, and Eugene Grether of Milwaukee are touring throughout the west, visiting all the points of interest. They expect to return the latter part of June.

Mrs. Cornelia A. Keith, 310 Warwick road, Kenilworth, was hostess at luncheon to her bridge club Tuesday.

Approve Permanent Voter Registration

At the last regular meeting of Wilmette Civic league, the membership went on record as favoring the permanent registration bill now before the Illinois general assembly. The following resolution was adopted:

Wilmette, Ill., May 5, 1935

The Honorable Henry Horner
Governor of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois
Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the members of the Wilmette Civic league, held on April 26, they passed the following resolution in regard to the permanent registration bill now pending before the state legislature, which resolution has also been approved by the board of directors of the league. It is as follows:

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the Illinois state legislature a bill for the permanent registration of voters which would prevent numerous election frauds and irregularities, and

WHEREAS, various civic groups and interested citizens have for many years attempted to secure such legislation to no avail,

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the members of the Wilmette Civic league give their support to the adoption of the legislation designed to secure permanent registration of voters, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor and to the representatives of our district, expressing to them our appreciation for the consideration which the legislation has at this time received and petitioning them to continue to make every effort to secure the passage of the proposed bill.

Herman T. Relling,
Secretary.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Weld (Helen Mearns) of 51 Warwick avenue, announce the birth of their second daughter, Barbara Jean, April 29, at the Evanston hospital. The baby has an older sister, Elizabeth Ann, who is 4 years old.



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VISITS DAUGHTER

Mrs. H. E. Addenbrooke, 727 Forest avenue, spent the week-end at Granville, visiting her daughter, Connie, a senior at Denison.

Mrs. William Allen of Davenport, Iowa, is the guest of the Leon Allens, 258 Melrose avenue, Kenilworth.

RETURN FROM EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall C. Kline, 1330 Greenwood avenue, returned Sunday from a ten-day visit to New York.

Mrs. Walter Andersen, 127 Robsart road Kenilworth, will be luncheon hostess to her bridge club, May 24.

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