

Necrology

William Estell Lee, of Philadelphia, died on July 20, 1914, at his home after several months' illness, of heart trouble, at the age of sixty-four years.

Mr. Lee was born in Woodbury, New Jersey, of the late Walter B. and Martha Lee. Receiving his early education in the public schools of that town, he then studied pharmacy, with B. F. Carter, of Woodbury. Later, he matriculated at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating therefrom in 1872, the subject of his thesis being "Gnaphalium Polycephalum."

A few years later he opened a drug store at 2337 Brown Street, Philadelphia, where he remained for over forty years.

Mr. Lee showed his devotion to his Alma Mater. For many years he has served as a member of its Board of Trustees, and during the past college year, (1913-14), he was President of the Alumni Association, and rendered it very valuable services, especially as Chairman of the Committee on Membership. He was a member of the P. A. R. D., and the N. A. R. D. He joined the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1905.

He was an ardent Mason. For 15 years he was treasurer of Olivet Lodge, No. 607, A. F. and A. M. He was a member of Harmony Chapter, No. 52, Royal and Select Masters, and Corinthian Chasseur Commandery, No. 53, K. T. He was a member, also, of Marathon Senate, No. 4, O. of S.; Woodbury Lodge of New Jersey, I. O. O. F.; "Goodwill Council," Legion Red Cross, and Crescent Chapter 104, O. E. S.

Mr. Lee was a member of the Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church, and was an earnest worker in the cause of civic reform.

Since early manhood, Mr. Lee took an active part in reform politics and civic movements, but only last year could he be induced to become a candidate for any office. At the last primary election, he was the successful nominee for the Pennsylvania Legislature on the Washington ticket, tenth legislative district. His strength as a reform candidate was shown at the last election, when, as a candidate for Select Councilman in the fifteenth ward, he was defeated by the "organization" by a small margin only.

Personally, Mr. Lee was genial, warm-hearted and true to the highest ideals. He believed that character was the most important thing in life, and that the dollar was only a means to an end. He did a man's work and exerted an influence for good that cannot be measured, because his deeds will long live after him. Quiet and modest, but positive in matters of principle, he practiced in life those principles of religion and morality which stamped him as a man among men; he brought honor to his craft, and won the respect and love of his fellows, hundreds testifying of his aid to them in sickness and in trouble.

His widow, Nellie Florence Lee, Secretary of the Women's Branch of the National Association of Retail Druggists and President of the Philadelphia Chapter of that organization, with a son, Dr. Walter Estell Lee, survive him.

The funeral was held on Thursday, July 23rd, at 2 P. M., from his late residence, 823 North Fourth Street, the services being conducted by Rev. Matthew J. Hyman of the Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church and the officers of the lodge. The interment was at West Laurel Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Frank B. Rohrman, president of the Philadelphia Wholesale Drug Company; William C. Neely, representing the Olivet Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; Samuel C. Henry of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists; Professor Joseph P. Remington, Dean of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; J. W. England, of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and A. J. Kellar, president of the Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists. The honorary pallbearers were the following directors of the Philadelphia Wholesale Drug Company; Henry C. Blair, Vice President, O. W. Osterlund, H. C. Clapham, Howard E. Siegfried, Russell T. Blackwood and George H. Fehr. In addition, David G. Potts, Frank E. Morgan, Frank W. Fluck, and Charles E. King, represented the Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists, and J. C. Peacock, Vice President, David J. Reese, Secretary, L. H. Davis, Assistant Secretary, and F. P. Streeper of the Executive Committee, represented the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association.

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