

Honor Memory Of Dr. Sutton

Texas Teachers Adopt Resolution on Educa- tor's Death.

As the Texas State Teachers' Association was about to convene for its recent session at San Antonio, its members were shocked and saddened by learning of the sudden death of Dr. William Seneca Sutton, who died at his home in Austin on Monday, Nov. 26. The committee appointed by the association drew up the following memorial and resolutions:

"Dr. Sutton was born at Fayetteville, Ark., Aug. 12, 1860. He graduated from the University of Arkansas with the degree of bachelor of arts in 1878. He received the degree of master of arts in 1880. In 1905, the University of Arkansas conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

"Shortly after his graduation from the University of Arkansas, Dr. Sutton moved to the State of Texas, where he was actively engaged in educational work until the time of his death. He was married on June 12, 1884, to Miss Annie Blackman Erwin of Ennis. There were two children born, Herbert Hill Sutton and Lillian Sutton, now Mrs. Nash.

"For a number of years, Dr. Sutton was superintendent of the city schools of Houston. He resigned this position to become professor of education at the University of Texas in 1897. In 1909 he became dean of the Department of Education. In 1923 he was made acting president of the University of Texas, which position he held for two years.

Held Many Honors.

"He was president of the Texas State Teachers' Association in 1896. He was president of the Texas Academy of Science in 1910-11. He was president of the National Society of College Teachers of Education in 1898-09. He was chairman of the university commission on race questions in the South. He was the author of numerous textbooks which have been in use in the schools of Texas and elsewhere.

"During his entire life, Dr. Sutton was an earnest believer in the doctrines of the Christian faith and a consistent member of the Christian Church.

"No man in the State has made a greater contribution to the educational interests of Texas than did William Seneca Sutton. It was his general policy to bring the schools as near as possible into touch with the industrial and social life of the State. He was largely the originator of the movement that was known as the Conference for Education in Texas. His wide sympathy and his kindly counsels will be deeply missed by thousands of teachers and other citizens of the State.

Sympathy Expressed.

"Your committee respectfully makes the following recommendations:

"1. That the State Teachers' Association shall instruct its secretary to send to Mrs. Sutton an expression of the deepest sympathy of this association and furnish her with a copy of these resolutions.

"2. That copies of these resolutions be furnished to the educational journals and to the daily papers of the State with the request that they be given the widest possible publicity.

"3. That a page be set aside in the minutes of the meeting of this association, when printed, for the purpose of emphasizing the loss which this association feels in the death of this great leader.

"4. That the members of this association shall stand for one minute in silence as a mark of their respect and their sorrow."