

Benjamin Parker Truitt

(1861 – 1 Mar 1910)

Truitt. On Tuesday, March 1, 1910 at 4:30 a.m. in Baltimore, Rev. Benjamin P. Truitt, pastor of First Methodist Protestant Church, 4th street southeast. Funeral service at First Methodist Protestant Church, 4th between F and G streets, northeast, Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Friends invited.

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Rev. B.P. Truitt Dead
Passes Away In Hospital In Baltimore
Pastor of First Methodist Protestant Church
Had Been Operated on Recently

Rev. Benjamin Parker Truitt, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church, died at the Union Protestant infirmary in Baltimore, at 1:30 o'clock this morning, after an illness of more than a year.



REV. BENJAMIN P. TRUITT.

Death was due to intestinal troubles. The pastor had continued in his pulpit until several months ago when, at his request, the officers of the church granted him an indefinite leave of absence. He seemed to grow better until one month ago, when he decided to go to the Baltimore hospital for an operation. At that time it was supposed he was suffering with appendicitis, but it was discovered that his illness was of an intestinal nature. After the operation he seemed to rally and grow stronger.

Two weeks after the operation he had convalesced to such an extent that the physicians allowed him to sit on the veranda of the hospital for some time. He seemed to enjoy the fresh air, but yesterday he suffered a relapse and sank until the end. Mrs. Truitt, who was formerly Miss Isabelle R. Lewis of Virginia, was at the bedside when the end came. The

body was brought to this city at noon today and taken to the First Methodist Protestant parsonage at 518 4th street southeast.

Funeral Thursday Afternoon

The funeral will be held from the First Methodist Protestant Church, 4th street between E and G streets southeast, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. J.. Sheridan, president of the Maryland Conference of Methodist Protestant Churches; Rev. F.T. Tagg, editor of the Methodist Protestant; Rev. Dr. T.O. Crouse, pastor of the North Baltimore M.P. Church, and formerly pastor of the Congress Street M.P. Church of this city; Rev. E. Hez Swem, pastor of the Second Baptist Church; Rev. J.. Gill of the Rhode Island Avenue M.P. Church, and Rev. J.B. McLaughlin, who has been occupying the pulpit of the First M.P. Church since Rev. Mr. Truitt gave up active work.

The list of pallbearers will include Rev. G.Q. Bacchus, pastor of the Mount Tabor M.P. Church; Rev. E.C. Makoskey, pastor of the West Baltimore M.P. Church; Rev. Dr. T.O. Crouse, Rev. J.M. Gill, Rev. R.L. Shipley, pastor of the North Carolina Avenue M.P. Church, and Rev. J.B. McLaughlin.

Was Native of Maryland

Rev. Mr. Truitt was born in Maryland in 1861, and was educated at St. John's College, Annapolis. About twenty years ago he married Miss Lewis and, besides his wife, he leaves three children, a girl and two boys. In January 1900, Rev. Mr. Truitt was in charge of the celebration at the First M.P. Church incident to the eightieth anniversary of the founding of that congregation. He always took a great interest in the work of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant churches and for many years was chairman of the committee on church extension in that body. Acting in this capacity he raised thousands of dollars toward erecting new houses of worship in different parts of the territory of the conference.

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Pastors As Pallbearers

Funeral Services Held for the Rev. Benjamin Parker Truitt

Funeral services for Rev. Benjamin Parker Truitt, late pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church, were held in that edifice, 4th street between E and G streets southeast, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. J.M. Sheridan, president of the Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, conducted the service and was assisted by Rev. F.T. Tagg, editor of the Methodist Protestant; Rev. Dr. T.O. Crouse, pastor of the North Baltimore M.P. Church; Rev. E. Hez Swem of the Second Baptist Church; Rev. J.M. Gill, pastor of the Rhode Island Avenue M.P. Church, and Rev. J.B. McLaughlin, who has occupied the pulpit of the First Church since Rev. Mr. Truitt became ill.

The list of pallbearers included Rev. E.C. Makoskey, pastor of the West Baltimore M.P. Church; Rev. Dr. T.O. Crouse, Rev. G.Q. Bacchus, pastor of the Mt. Tabor M.P. Church; Rev. J.M. Gill, Rev. E.D. Stone, pastor of the Congress Street M.P. Church, and Rev. R.L. Shipley, pastor of the North Carolina Avenue M.P. Church. The interment was in Congressional cemetery.