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## OBITUARY

**T**HIS section of the magazine is dedicated to the memory of those of our alumni, who, since our last issue, have been called from labor to reward.

### DR. C. SUMNER WORMLEY, '00

Dr. Wormley died suddenly at his home, 997 Florida Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., on January 21, 1935.

He was born, reared, and educated in Washington, D. C., graduating from Howard University Dental School in 1900. He served the University in the capacity of Demonstrator in Clinical Dentistry and as Trustee of the University. He was a member of the following organizations: the Berean Baptist Church, the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society (charter member), the Mu-So-Lit Club, the Masons, the Elks, Crispus Attucks, and the Oldest Inhabitants.



In the passing of Dr. Wormley the College of Dentistry has lost one of its oldest and most loyal alumni and the dental profession a noble and outstanding character.

### DR. D. A. FERGUSON, '99

On Sunday, February 10, 1935, Dr. Ferguson passed away suddenly at his home, 107 East Leigh St., Richmond, Va. He was born in Portsmouth, Ky., where he received his academic educational training. He was a dental graduate of Howard University, Class of 1899, and began to practice immediately in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Ferguson was a pioneer in dental organization among our racial group. In 1901, he organized the National Association of Colored Dentists, out of which developed the Tri-State Dental Association, which, in time, became the Interstate Dental Association. At the annual

meeting of the last named organization in 1932, he led a successful effort in organizing the National Dental Association, and was elected as its first president. He was a past president of the National Medical Association and was widely known in the medico-dental fraternity of America. He was very familiarly and deservedly known as the "Dean of the Dental Profession" among our group.

In the death of Dr. Ferguson, the Dental College realizes the loss of a most loyal son. His place in organized dentistry can not easily be filled.

In addition to these two deaths, we are deeply grieved, since our last issue, by the passing of the following alumni: Dr. E. L. Rance, '10, Suffolk, Va., Dr. Emmett Bolden, '23, Grand Rapids, Mich., Dr. R. L. Perkins, '21, Williamson, W. Va., and Dr. Alphonso Land, '21, Norfolk, Va.

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I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.—*Abraham Lincoln*.

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All roads lead to Louisville, National Dental Association, August 13, 14, 15 and 16.