

# FUNERAL TO BE HELD TODAY FOR DR. ALEXANDER

Services to Be Conducted at Home at 11 A. M.

U. D. C. WILL TAKE PART

Members of Mecklenburg Medical Society Will Act as Honorary Pallbearers.

Funeral services for Dr. Annie Lowrie Alexander, a prominent physician and widely known citizen of Charlotte who died early yesterday morning, will be conducted at the home, 410 North Tryon street, this morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Albert S. Johnson, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Dr. Alexander was a member, will officiate.

Dr. Alexander's death followed a brief attack of pneumonia which developed last Thursday.

Nephews of Dr. Alexander will serve as pallbearers at the funeral. Members of the Mecklenburg Medical society will be honorary pallbearers. Dr. J. Mc. DeArmon, president of the society, has requested the members to meet at the Alexander home at 11 o'clock.

Members of the Mecklenburg chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of which Dr. Alexander was a member, will also meet at the Alexander home at 10:45 to attend the service.

## PIONEER WOMAN PHYSICIAN.

Dr. Alexander enjoyed the distinction of being the pioneer woman physician in this section of the south. She was the first woman physician to practice her profession south of the Potomac river. After her graduation from the Woman's Medical college of Pennsylvania in 1884, she served as interne in the Woman's hospital of Philadelphia. A year later she accepted a position as assistant teacher of anatomy in the Woman's college of Baltimore. She did graduate work in the New York Polyclinic. When she went before the Maryland state board of medical examiners to take the examination for her license to practice she was the only woman in a group of more than 100 candidates, and received the highest grade on her work.

In 1887 Dr. Alexander located in Charlotte, and in a short time, despite the prejudice then current against women physicians, she was regarded with great respect by other members of her profession.

In 1890 her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Alexander moved from their home near Davidson college to Charlotte and established with Dr. Annie Lowrie Alexander a home on North Tryon street.

## HONORED BY PROFESSION.

During her career as a physician, Dr. Alexander received many professional honors. She was elected president of the Mecklenburg County Medical society and vice president of the Women Physicians of the Southern Medical association. She was also an honorary member of the North Carolina Medical and Southern Medical associations. She served on the staffs of St. Peter's and the Presbyterian hospitals, and for 23 years was physician to the Presbyterian College for Women, now Queen's college. During the World war Dr. Alexander was appointed acting assistant surgeon at Camp Greene. In recognition of her skill as a surgeon as well as general practitioner.

Although her activities as a physician occupying most of her time, Dr. Alexander was never too busy to devote herself to welfare and charitable work. She served for many years as a member of the directing boards of the Young Women's Christian association, the Associated Charities, and the Co-operative Nurses' association. She was also a board member and physician for the Florence Crittenton home.

Throughout the mature years of her life Dr. Alexander was prominent in the social and civic activities of Charlotte. She held offices in the Mecklenburg chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the American Rev-

DEAD



DR. ANNIE ALEXANDER

—First woman physician south of Potomac, who died yesterday following a brief illness.

## LOCAL YOUTH GIVEN HONOR

J. A. Jepson Selected for Scholarship at West Point Military Academy.

James Alton Jepson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jepson of 714 Worthington avenue, has received an appointment to West Point. It was announced yesterday.

He will report at Fort McPherson for medical inspection on March 4, it was stated. The youth attended Piedmont junior high school here, after which he entered Riverside Military academy at Gainesville, Ga., where he is now a student.

During his high school and military school training he has made splendid records, and his appointment to West Point is considered a distinct honor, rewarding him for fine scholarship and general attainment.

## Y. W. C. A. GROUPS MEET WITH NATIONAL OFFICER

Miss Ruth Martin, member of the national staff of the Business and Industrial girls' department of the Young Women's Christian association, met at a dinner meeting with the Friday Nighters, a Business and Industrial girls' club of Charlotte, last night and told them of some of the work of clubs in other cities.

Tonight the national leader will meet with the Business Women's Advisory council at a dinner meeting, after which she will leave for New Orleans, where she will attend a conference of Business and Industrial girls' club leaders.

clusion, and the Charlotte Woman's club. She was descended from a distinguished line of ancestors who were closely allied with the state's history and with the development of the Presbyterian church in North Carolina.

## BECAME WIDELY KNOWN.

During her long and active career, Dr. Alexander came in contact with thousands of people. She was widely known and loved for her personal charm and graciousness and for her deep interest in and sympathy for the needs and afflictions of others.

Dr. Alexander is survived by one brother, James H. Alexander of Goldsboro; two nieces, Mrs. W. R. Stowe of Belmont, and Mrs. J. D. Fendleton of Fort Bragg, and nine nephews, John B. Halliburton and J. Howerton Alexander of Charlotte, S. Caldwell Alexander and Douglas Alexander of Goldsboro, Dr. James Houston Alexander of Warsaw, N. C., Robert D. Alexander of Durham, S. C. Alexander of Philadelphia, Rev. H. N. Alexander of Princeton, N. J., and Robert Alexander Halliburton of Jersey City, N. J.

She also leaves three great-nephews and three great-nieces, William Reese Stowe, Jr., and Robert Alexander Stowe of Belmont, John Brevard, Lucy Grey, Isabel and Annie Lowrie Halliburton of Charlotte, and a ward, Robert Payne Alexander.