

MEMORIAL TO
DR. HORACE SEWEN ALLYN
First Pastor of First Presbyterian Church
Winder, Georgia

1895

After many months of illness, Dr. Horace Selden Allyn passed away on October 4, 1931, at Recife, Peraambuoo, Brazil. He was born in 1859 at Nankin, Michigan, and was educated in his native state, having studied medicine at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. After practicing his profession for some years, Dr. Allyn offered his life for Medical Mission service abroad. It was his desire to go to the Orient, but on account of his age, the Committee could not permit him to undertake the Oriental service. However, the Committee had no Medical work in Brazil, and offered to send him there. Dr. Allyn decided to take a Theological Course before going to Brazil. He graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in the Class of 1892. After having been ordained as a minister, he and Mrs. Allyn went to Brazil as Missionaries for the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and located at Levrás, where he labored for many years. Dr. Allyn did much pioneer work in Evangelism during these years, and won many souls to Christ, many of whom feel keenly the loss of the one who led them out of darkness into the marvelous light.

Dr. Allyn was pressed by the sore need of the people for medical attention .. and determined that he would officially qualify to practice medicine in Brazil. In 1907 he took the examinations before the Medical College of Rio de Janeiro, and was qualified with honor.

Now, both as a preacher and as a doctor, Dr. Allyn labored in season and out for the people of Brazil. He possibly touched as many lives as a doctor as he did as a minister, although he made both of these gifts servants of Christ. Along these two lines he continued his work until in 1925, when on account of Mrs. Allyn's health, he had to come back to the United States.

The greater part of the five years spent in the States was in Atlanta, Georgia, during which time Dr. Allyn gave himself to the work and worship of Christ in an inspiring way. He was ready to answer any call of service that came to him whether it was to teach or preach. During this period of enforced inactivity, he showed the keenest interest in everything pertaining to the Kingdom of God. He attended regularly the meetings of the Church Courts and the Presbyterian Ministers' Association, and participated in the proceedings of both.

As soon as Mrs. Allyn's health was restored, they were very anxious to go back to Brazil, where they could be with their son, who is employed by the National City Bank of New York, located at Recife.

As soon as he returned to Brazil, he began to preach in the Areias Church in Recife. But the years had taken his strength, and the time of his departure was near at hand.

*A life with a two-fold gift
consecrated to the work of Christ has left an abiding
benediction in
the lives he touched for Christ in Brazil.*

*He is survived by his wife, two sons (Herbert Allyn,
Memphis, Tennessee, and Robert Lyman Allyn, Recife,
Pernambuco, Brazil), and one daughter (Mrs. Frank
Baker, Oliveira, Minas, Brazil, a Missionary of the
Southern Presbyterian Church). Dr. Horace Selden
Allyn lies buried in the British Cemetery at Recife.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Wade H Boggs,
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Presbytery of
Atlanta
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