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Head of Modern Language Department Dies Suddenly in Birmingham

Two continuous lines of Alabama College students formed an avenue from the east college gate to the Montevallo Baptist Church, through which the funeral procession of Professor J. S. Ward passed Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock.

Mr. Ward, head of the Foreign Language Department, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon in a Birmingham Hotel. He had been in poor health for some time and had spent Thanksgiving at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He went to Birmingham Wednesday to receive a report from his doctor and succumbed in the lobby of the hotel.

Professor Ward came to Alabama College in 1923. While a citizen of Montevallo he was outstanding in college, church, civic and various educational activities. He was chairman of the Division of Language and Literature for this year and has served on several other important faculty committees during his teaching career at Alabama College. He represented Alabama College at the Southeastern Modern Language Association Conferences for the last several years. His paper on German Lexicography won such acclaim at the 1933 Conference that he was invited to discuss the subject further at the last conference, but his illness prevented his attending.

As a deacon, clerk, and Sunday School teacher, Professor Ward rendered valuable service to the Montevallo Baptist Church.

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vallo Baptist Church. At one time he served as president of the Montevallo Exchange Club.

In 1930 Howard College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature on Professor Ward. He received his A.B. from that institution in 1909. An M.A. degree was conferred upon him in 1911 by the University of Alabama and in 1916 by Columbia University.

Mr. Ward taught at Baylor University, Howard Payne College, Mercer University, Junior A. and M. College of Texas, Columbia University, and University of Alabama before coming to Alabama College.

He has had many articles pertaining to religious subjects and modern languages published during the last several years.

Mr. Ward is survived by his widow and four children, Maidie Belle, Julia, Evelyn, and David.

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Not only because of his service as an educator but also because of his fine spirit and personality, the death of Professor J. S. Ward means a great loss in the faculty as well as in the hearts of his associates and many friends.

Always a student as well as a teacher, his contribution to the institution over twelve years cannot be estimated in terms of those years for his influence is lasting on students, alumnae and faculty members with whom he was invariably so congenial and cooperative.

Professor Ward will be remembered on the campus of Alabama College as a scholar, who was ever interested in student needs and ever able and willing to help others as he taught them.

He unselfishly devoted much of his time to serving on a number of committees on the campus. He was a member of the College Publications, the Classification and the Student Organizations Committees. And up to the time of his death, he was Chairman of the Division of Language and Literature. Not limiting his services to the campus, however, he took an active part in civic and church affairs that endeared him also to the people of the community.

In recognition of his contributions to education in the State, Howard College conferred upon him an honorary doctor's degree for his accomplishments as an educator.

Profoundly interested in the institution and always showing a fine loyalty, Professor Ward had done a great task, which would have been greater had it not been so sadly interrupted.

Just as he will be missed in his profession by the college and education in the State, his teaching, his friendship and his fine character will be missed in our associations at Alabama College.