



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Tryon  
Death

December 23, 1958

To Members of the Faculty:

I regret to announce the death of Dr. James Libby Tryon, Professor Emeritus of International Law and former Director of Admissions, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital on December 22. Dr. Tryon served the Institute for 17 years before his retirement in 1936, and will be remembered by the hundreds of students to whom he was an adviser and friend.

Born in Boston in 1864, Dr. Tryon worked on Portland, Me., newspapers during his youth. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1894 and then received a degree of bachelor of divinity from the Episcopal Theological School of Massachusetts. After serving for ten years as rector of the All Saints' Church in Attleboro, and of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Mansfield, he turned to law, attended Boston University, and received the degrees of bachelor of laws in 1909 and doctor of philosophy in 1910.

A dedicated worker for world peace, Dr. Tryon held a secretarial position with the New England branch of the American Peace Society and was director of the Massachusetts and Maine Peace Societies. He attended international peace congresses in Munich, London, Geneva, The Hague, and Constance, Germany, before World War I, and lectured on peace in many American and Canadian churches and universities. Following the war he lectured on international law at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge and the University of Maine before coming to M.I.T. in 1920 as an instructor in History. He became Director of Admissions in 1930. He was a member of the Maine bar, the American Society of International Law, the International Law Association, the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, the Field and Forest Club, and the Masons.

Dr. Tryon is survived by a son, Mr. Richard W. Tryon of Springfield, New Jersey, a daughter, Miss Sylvia Tryon of Medford, a sister, Dr. Geneva Tryon of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. His wife, Mrs. Katherine Allen Tryon, a pioneer lecturer on ornithology and an accomplished artist, died in 1952. Their home was at 55 Terrace Road, Medford.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, at the Grace Episcopal Church in Medford.

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