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IN MEMORIAM TO DR. RALPH J. LAMB.

"The cowboys' preacher", Dr. Ralph J. Lamb, was buried today in Memorial Park after nearly a half-century of service for Christianity in Oklahoma.

The seventy-six year old missionary, who dedicated the best part of his life to work among the cattle, cowboys and Indians, died Saturday, Feb. 20th 1937, on the eve of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the College Hill Presbyterian Church, which he organized in the chapel of Henry Kendall College.

In paying tribute, Dr. Kerr said, "The ending of the pioneer Presbyterian ministry, Dr. Ralph J. Lamb, leaves a lonely place in the hearts of all Presbyterians in Oklahoma. No other minister has served so long in this state.

R. J. Lamb was one of the most colorful characters in the entire Presbyterian church, having successfully ministered to more different groups than any other.

No other minister in our day has intentionally touched the lives of so many I have as did Doctor Lamb, visiting in their homes, and eating in their homes, and conducting through an interpreter.

Members of the College Hill church honored their pastor with the unveiling of a bronze memorial plaque Saturday morning. It has been placed at the north east corner of the little white frame church, built in 1917.

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The plaque reads: "Memorial, Ralph J. Lamb, D. D., Founder and Organizer, College Hill Presbyterian Church, February 23, 1912.

Dr. Lloyd C. Walters of Oklahoma City, executive of the Synod of Oklahoma and former minister who had worked with Dr. Lamb in the mission field for thirty eight years, unveiled the memorial and dedicated it to the church and to the memory of the little white sheep.

He said, "It has been said that an institution is a lengthened shadow of a man. This church may perpetuate his missionary spirit that his influence shall be felt through the years. It was the aid of the heroes of faith that they without us could not have done it. The success of the east is ever dependent on the fidelity of the west to its ideals. Let us go on and that his work shall be a continuing success."

At the dedication services were two of the first charter members of the church, Miss Margaret Wm. Shaw, head of the Episcopate Department of the University of Tulsa, and Gaylord Simons, son-in-law of Dr. Lamb.

This monument will always be the memory of the man who was destined to be known as "Little White Sheep" to the thousands of Oklahoma Indians. He was taken into their tribal circles, the Choctaw, Creek and Cherokee, and all Indian people welcomed him to their council XXXX fire altar in "Little White Sheep" for there is an Indian word for "lamb!"