

Thousands Pay Quiet Tribute to Oklahoma's Second Governor in Solemn Rites.

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ARDMORE, Jan. 22.—With quiet dignity Lee Cruce's fellow townsmen said their last goodbye Sunday afternoon, as the 70-year-old former governor was laid in the Rose Hill cemetery at Ardmore.

A long file of the state's most distinguished men, including six former governors, marched past the flower-smothered bier in the First Presbyterian church. Every seat—except Cruce's old pew—was filled and outside the church stood 1,500 friends, gathered from every county of Okla-

A simple tribute to Cruce's career was delivered by Rev. C. C. Weith,

First Presbyterian pastor and friend of the second governor for 33 years. Reading St. Paul's classic sentences on immortality, the minister took his text from First Corinthians, chapter 15.

"His enemies have accused him of many things," Mr. Weith said, referring to Cruce's storm-torn political life. "But they have never accused him of anything that was not clean and fine and manly. His integrity was never doubted, never brought into question."

A single hymn closed the brief

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