

# Dr. Alice Merchant Taken by Death

Pioneer Physician  
Was City Leader

Dr. Alice G. Merchant, for 45 years an outstanding figure in El Paso social work, died yesterday in her daughter's home at 1016 North St. Arain street. Dr. Merchant was 80.

Born in Nova Scotia, Dr. Merchant was a graduate in medicine at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass. She came to El Paso in 1895.

A champion of the women's suffrage movement, Dr. Merchant was a charter member of the Woman's Suffrage League in El Paso, and later was president of the El Paso League of Woman Voters. She also served as president of the State League of Woman Voters.

Active all her life in meeting social problems, Dr. Merchant was instrumental in the founding of the Schwingle-Potter Home for the Aged in El Paso. She became a director of the home after it was founded.

Dr. Merchant was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, which she joined in El Paso in 1921. She also was an early member of the El Paso Women's Club and of the Pioneer Assn.

Funeral services will be held at 5 p. m. tomorrow in the Peak-Hagedon Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. P. N. Poling officiating. The body will be sent to Los Angeles, Calif., for burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Dr. Merchant was the widow of the late W. D. Merchant of El Paso. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Merchant Rand, and a sister, Mrs. I. J. Parker of Belle Isle, Nova Scotia.