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THE STUDENT BODY AND RECENT GRADUATES

ROSS V. PATTERSON, M. D., DEAN

THE high personal character and scholastic standing of members of the graduating class and student body are guaranteed in a number of ways. Perhaps I can make the facts evident by a discussion of the various steps by which students are selected and progress through the medical course, on into the hospitals, and on through licensure by various State Boards into the practice of medicine.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

There are 160 places in the First-year Class. Before the opening of the last previous session, approximately 3000 students manifested an interest in gaining admission to the First-year Class; upwards of 1000 of these, after being informed as to the requirements for admission, and the necessity of evidencing a high grade of scholastic and personal desirability, completed their applications and were formally considered for admission to the First-year Class. Almost all of them fully met the technical educational requirements, and from almost 1000 applicants the final selections were made.

In its completed form, an application must consist of at least the following:

(a) Evidence of the completion of a first-grade, four-year approved high school course, showing the entire course of study with subjects and grades of each year.

(b) Certificates of College courses, giving details of the curriculum of each year with subjects and grades, and compliance with definite specification as regards courses in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. In order to be acceptable, the course must cover not less than three years of College work leading to a degree in Arts or Science. Preference is given to those who have completed four years of work in an Institution of first rank. The application of the foregoing policy resulted in the acceptance of only those who had completed four years and been awarded a degree. An evidence of the discrimination which is necessary is shown by the fact that over 400 applicants with degrees were among those declined for admission to the session 1931-1932.

(c) Confidential letters from the three Professors of Science branches in the Institution in which the applicant was prepared for medical study, stating their opinions as to aptitude for Science work and medical study.
Entrance to the College

—From "The Clinic," 1932
(d) Not less than four letters of general recommendation from persons prominent in the home community of the applicant.
(e) A recent cabinet-sized photograph of the applicant.
(f) Various letters from the applicant bearing upon his application and the details of his course, often revealing personal characteristics and cultural background.
(g) A blank form executed by the applicant and by the family physician with regard to the physical fitness of the applicant.
(h) A Certificate of Morals signed by two reputable physicians to whom the individual is known, certifying to their belief as to his fitness to be accepted for the study of medicine.
(i) In many instances, a personal interview. Where this is not practicable, and there is some question that can be determined by personal contact, the applicant is requested to call upon a graduate of the College who has been previously notified of the circumstances and who then communicates to the Dean his impressions of the applicant.

Consideration of the foregoing, indicates that the inquiry into the personal and scholastic qualifications of applicants is searching and thorough. During the eight years prior to his application, he has been a student in a high school and college, during which time he has been under the observation of two faculties and a series of teachers. The fact of his graduation from each of these is in some measure a guarantee of his personal and scholastic acceptability. In the case of those pursuing the medical preparatory course, the scrutiny is much more rigid since it is well-known to all the colleges of the country that the requirements of the medical course are unusually exacting and that only those who are well-prepared are likely to complete the course. In addition is the appraisement of the three departments of science in the colleges in which applicants have been prepared; further information is to be found in the esteem in which the applicant is held in his home community as indicated by those who recommend him, and an additional guarantee is, of course, the recommendation of two physicians, who are frequently, but not invariably, Jefferson graduates.

In awarding places from the large excess of candidates, scholastic and personal desirability are the determining criteria. I need not say, perhaps, that only those who seem personally acceptable are considered under any circumstances. Scholastically, for the most part, only those who have stood in the upper fifth or upper third of the class are considered. A large number of those who meet all the requirements but who are rated in the lower third of their class are not accepted under any circumstances. A great deal of confidential information is supplied to the Dean with regard to applicants. In the case of sons of graduates, the application is considered as sympathetically as possible with the foregoing in mind. It is probably true that sons of physicians often inherit certain talents and a taste for the medical profession, and have a greater familiarity with its requirements than the sons of lay persons, which justifies their acceptance upon a slightly lower scholarship plane than others. But it is a regrettable necessity each year to reject applicants who are the sons of Alumni, who have not shown in their college courses even the minimum talent for science study which would justify the expectation of completing the course satisfactorily. Indeed, it would be no kindness to accept them since they would be foredoomed to failure in the medical course itself.
First Year Class

The First-year Class is at the beginning of the scholastic session made up of 160 men, selected from the large group of applicants under the plan just set forth. The course is exacting and results in the elimination of a certain number during the year, and at its end. The experience of the session 1930-1931 is about average. Of the 160 men placed upon the rolls at the beginning of the Session, 4 eliminated themselves under one pretext or another, but almost certainly because of their realization that through either lack of industry or ability they had failed to meet even the minimum scholastic requirements. An additional 16 members failed of promotion and were dropped from the rolls.

The Second-year Class numbers 140 men at the beginning of the session.

New Students in the Third Year

The work of the second year is likely to result in the elimination of an additional 10 men, so that, of the 160 admitted to the first year, 130 reach the third year. To this group, a sufficient number of those who have completed two years of medicine in some other medical school are accepted to bring the total up to 144. The number of those so accepted varies from 15 to 20.

Applicants for admission to the Third-year Class are passed upon in exactly the same way as are applicants for the first year, with the addition of a careful scrutiny of the work of the medical course of the first two years. There is, therefore, a medical school record of two years and the report of the Dean of the Medical School and other members of the Faculty. For the 15 to 20 places there have been approximately 200 or 300 applications. Only those who have stood high in the medical course and are well recommended are given favorable consideration.

With admission to the third year, the character of the medical course changes from almost purely scientific to clinical. The number who are eliminated in this year is small, usually not more than 2 or 3 each year, so that the number who reach the Fourth-Year Class is less than 144, and usually about 140. New students are not admitted to the Fourth-Year Class.

The Fourth Year Class

The present Fourth-Year Class numbered 144, of which 143 are now in attendance, one having withdrawn on account of illness. Every member of this Class with the exception of three yet to be placed, has received and accepted a hospital appointment, and will serve for a period of one or more years as resident physician, during which time he will receive practical training in the art of medicine. Then, of course, before admission to the practice of medicine, he will be subjected to an examination by a State Board of Medical Licensure.

Record of Jefferson Men Before State Boards of Medical Examiners

The records of examinations conducted by all State Boards in this country are published annually in the Journal of the A.M.A., so that the record of the graduates of each Institution is known. The record of Jefferson graduates for the year 1931 continues the excellent record of 1930 in that 151 graduates were examined before 23 different Boards without a failure. This more or less parallels the 1930 record of which the Journal of the A.M.A., in commenting upon it, made the following statement: "The record of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia is noteworthy, 157 of its graduates having passed before the Examining Boards of 28 States and
none having failed.” I think it still more noteworthy, however, that during the past seven years, considering in each year those who had been graduated within a period of six years previous to each examination, a total of 1055 Jefferson graduates were examined in 43 different States and the District of Columbia, with but two failures.

This communication is largely statistical and the statistics in considerable degree speak for themselves. I may give it, however, as my opinion that there is in no Institution in this country a student body of higher personal or scholastic attainments, and when I speak of personal attainment I do not mean that the selection of students is determined by what might be considered a snobbish attitude. A number of our students come from the rural sections but they are highly regarded in their own communities and have made excellent records in the colleges in which they have been preparing for medical study, and are well thought of by the teachers in those colleges. The Jefferson student body is more widely distributed geographically and institutionally than that of any other medical school in this country. Students at present enrolled were prepared for medical study in 118 different universities and colleges; and they originated in 36 different States and foreign countries.

It is obvious that the task of awarding places in the entering class is difficult; and it is also obvious that it is impossible to predetermine with infallibility the aptitude for medical study of every applicant. But an earnest endeavor is made to award places only to those morally and mentally fit to become members of the medical profession.

As a concrete evidence of the discrimination exercised, I may take as an example the students accepted from State College, which is, next after the University of Pennsylvania, that Institution from which the largest number of students are accepted. State College accepts for admission to the medical preparatory course only students who have been outstanding in their high school work. They continue in the course only those who evidence good scholarship during the course itself. Only those who have stood in the upper third of their graduates are accepted for admission to our First-Year Class. The others either abandon their intention to study medicine, or go elsewhere. After admission to the medical course, they must meet the requirements of the medical course itself and a certain number are eliminated at various stages of the medical course. The ultimate result is that approximately 80% of those admitted to the medical course are awarded the medical degree.

COMMENCEMENT AND THE ALUMNI DINNER

EVENTS of the commencement season will center, as usual, in the annual Alumni Dinner which is to be held on the evening of June 2, 1932, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. The banquet hall will provide a meeting place for Jefferson alumni, with the opportunities of renewing contacts with recent graduates and with the veterans of the older classes. There is no event of the year that brings greater pleasure to the heart of a Jefferson graduate than this annual hey day.

The Entertainment Committee announces it will provide the same dinner and the same pleasant surroundings at a price less than that of previous years. The speakers have been selected with discrimination. Those present will hear the latest developments and latest news which the Board of Trustees, Faculty and representatives of certain classes have to present. The atmosphere will be pervaded by that same spirit of enthusiasm and throwing off of cares which has marked all recent Jefferson dinners.
The attractions of the commencement season are, however, by no means limited to the Alumni Dinner. On the morning of June 2nd, a series of short presentations will be given by the College Faculty in the Clinical Amphitheatre of the Jefferson Hospital. In the course of fifteen minute talks each member of the faculty presents the latest developments in his chosen field of medicine. In the afternoon, visitors are free to inspect the new hospital, college and Curtis Clinic buildings. Also, there are facilities provided for those who enjoy golf and wish to participate in the game.

On June 1st, the ex-internes of Jefferson, and all visitors who care to join with them, are invited to attend a series of morning clinics presented by the ex-internes of Jefferson Hospital. During the course of these clinics, which are also given in the clinical amphitheatre at 9:30, the younger members of the Hospital Staff present material from the scientific problems in which they are engaged. In the afternoon the ex-internes meet for an annual golf tournament at the Rolling Green Country Club. The tournament is followed by the annual Ex-Internes Dinner, which is held on the evening of June 1st at one of the clubs in the central section of the city. Further announcements of the final arrangements for these events will be mailed to Jefferson Alumni in a short time.

Those alumni who can remain in the city for the commencement program on June 3rd are invited to do so. The occasion of commencement always arouses pleasant memories among the alumni visitors. The address this year is to be given by George Barton Cutten, President of Colgate University.

As each year rolls by there accumulate more events of interest for returning graduates. Everyone rejoices in the opportunity of visiting the new college buildings, listening to the older and more recent members of the faculty and of renewing the many bonds which unite him to his Alma Mater.

PROGRAM OF COMMENCEMENT SEASON

JUNE 1—Jefferson Ex-Internes Day
9:30 A. M. to 12—Clinical presentations in the Amphitheatre of the Hospital by Ex-internes of Jefferson Hospital.
2 to 6 P. M.—Golf at the Rolling Green Country Club.
7 P. M.—Dinner for Ex-internes of Jefferson Hospital, the place to be announced.

JUNE 2—Alumni Day
9:30 A. M. to 12—Clinical presentations by members of the College Faculty in the Amphitheatre of the Hospital.
1 to 2 P. M.—Class luncheons, to be announced by the respective class organizations.
2 to 5 P. M.—Inspection of College buildings, the Curtis Clinic, the Hospital, etc. Such other diversions, including golf, baseball, etc., which the visitors may desire to take advantage of.
7 P. M.—Annual Alumni Dinner at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

JUNE 3—Commencement Day
Commencement exercises of the Class of 1932 at the Academy of Music at twelve noon.
J. Parsons Schaeffer

Professor of Anatomy and Director of the Daniel Baugh Institute of Anatomy of the Jefferson Medical College.

Portrait Presented to the College by the Class of Nineteen Thirty-Two.
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

THE 107th Commencement Address to the Graduating Class on June 3, 1932, will be delivered by George Barton Cutten, D.D., LL.D., President of Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. Doctor Cutten is a graduate of Acadia University, of which institution he was elected President in 1910. In 1922, he became President of Colgate University. He has written extensively upon religious, psychological, economic, educational and biological subjects, and has the reputation of a pleasing and profound speaker.

CLASS REUNIONS

As usual, this year a number of the classes are holding a reunion during the Commencement season. Generally, such class reunions take the form of a luncheon held at one o'clock on Alumni Day. There are a number of the classes, however, whose members are so fervent in their loyalty to their Class and College that they hold these events every year. All the classes, however, make particular effort to gather their members together at five, or certainly at ten year intervals.

This year the organizations of 1922, 1912 and 1902 are, therefore, spurring their members to return for these special events. Enthusiasm for class events is not limited by any means to such ten year periods, however. For instance, a recent message from Dr. C. W. LeFever states that his class of 1897 expects to meet, not only for the Annual Alumni Dinner, but also for an evening dinner during the week-end. He anticipates a return of thirty-five or forty members of his class.

Other class representatives in the city have equally optimistic accounts of the enthusiasm which their members are showing for the event this year. The rivalry will be as keen as ever to determine which class has the largest representation at the Alumni Dinner.

The local Chairmen of several of the classes have submitted a resume of their plans to the Editor of the Bulletin as follows:

Dr. H. K. Mohler states that the class of 1912 will hold its twentieth reunion on Alumni Day.

Dr. Willard Kinney of the class of 1906 announces that his class will hold its twenty-sixth consecutive reunion.

The classes of 1917 and 1892 will hold special class gatherings.

As is its usual custom, the members of the class of 1920 will meet at a noon-day luncheon.

The class of 1926 will hold its sixth consecutive reunion.

Dr. Farrell announces that the class of 1922 will have a two-day reunion to celebrate its tenth anniversary. A golf tournament and buffet supper are to be held on June 1st, and a class luncheon at the Benjamin Franklin on June 2nd.

Dr. Herbert Widing wishes to announce that the luncheon of the class of 1927 will be held at 1:30 P. M., at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

In the instance of the reunions of all classes, further details will be mailed to the members of the various class organizations by local representatives.

All events mentioned in the Bulletin are scheduled on daylight saving time.
THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE

At another place in the Bulletin there is a reproduction from the 1932 Class Book of the Walnut Street entrance to the College. This photograph is a time exposure taken at night. On winter evenings pedestrians often stop to gaze with admiration at the view here depicted. The arrangement of the balustrade and the lighting is such as to center one's attention upon that famous painting of Eakins's "The Samuel D. Gross Clinic." The old college entrance was of a graceful Greek type of architecture. The modern entrance of the new college building, however, loses nothing in comparison.

THE WILLIAM POTTER MEMORIAL LECTURE AND OTHER LECTURES

The Assembly Hall of the college has been the scene during the past year of a number of lectures by visiting physicians of prominence.

The William Potter Memorial Lecture was given by Dr. Francis R. Packard on February 4, 1932. The subject was "The Practice of Medicine in Philadelphia in the Eighteenth Century."

An illustrated lecture by Dr. F. J. Lang, Professor of Pathology, University of Innsbruck, Austria, on "Changes in the Symphysis Pubis and Sacro-Iliac Articulation in Pregnancy and Childbirth," was sponsored by the Moon Pathological Society and presented on November 3, 1931.

An open meeting of the Bauer Pediatric Society was addressed on February 17, 1932 by Dr. S. McClintock Hamill, Chairman of the White House Conference on Child Care. Dr. Hamill's subject was "What the White House Conference on Child Care means to the medical student."

The guest speaker at an open meeting of the Jefferson Neurological Society on February 25, 1932 was Dr. Robert L. Pitfield; his subject was "The Peril of Infantile Thinking."

The annual Alpha Omega Alpha lecture was given by Lewellys F. Barker, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University. His subject was "Medical and other Conditions in Soviet Russia." His presentation was given on the evening of March 4, 1932. It was illustrated by a number of photographs taken by Dr. Barker during a considerable period he spent in Russia during the past summer.

Professor R. L. Stehle, Ph.D., McGill University, presented the subject "Some Vascular and Cardiac Actions of Pituitary Extract" at an open meeting of the J. Earl Thomas Physiology Society on March 10, 1932.

The Elmer H. Funk Therapeutic Society had as their guest lecturer Dr. Charles M. Gruber, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Washington University, St. Louis. His subject was "The Action of Drugs on the Gastro-Intestinal Tract." This presentation was given on March 26, 1932.

On the evening of March 26, 1932, Dr. Emil Novak of Baltimore was the guest of honor and speaker at the annual banquet of the Bland Obstetrical Society at the University Club.

AWARD OF THE JEFFERSON SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

The award of the Jefferson Society for Clinical Investigation was conferred in 1931 upon Drs. Abraham Cantarow, Thaddeus L. Montgomery and W. W. Bolton for their paper on "The Calcium Metabolism in Pregnancy, Parturition and the Toxemias." This award is open each year to...
that member of the junior staff of the college or hospital whose publication of the previous year is considered most deserving by a committee of the senior staff. Reprints are now being received from the publications of 1931 for consideration by the committee.

STATE BOARD RECORD

THE record of Jefferson graduates in state board examinations held during 1931, continues the excellent record of 1930. 151 graduates were examined before 23 different boards without a failure. This parallels the 1930 record, upon which the Journal of the American Medical Association commented as follows: "The record of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia is noteworthy, 157 of its graduates having passed before the examining boards of 28 states and none having failed."

THE SIMON GRATZ RESEARCH FUND

SIMON GRATZ, who died August 21, 1925, was for a long time a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Medical College. At the time of his death, his length of service exceeded that of any other Trustee. For many years he was the Chairman of the College Committee, and as such was particularly interested in the school and its graduates.

By a provision in his will, he created a Trust Fund, the income of which is to be awarded during each period of three years to that graduate of the College who shall be designated as most worthy. The decision as to who shall receive the award is to be based upon the character of the work which has been done by the individuals proposed during the preceding five years. Contributions to the advancement of the medical or surgical treatment of disease, or research work which has been productive of results of practical value, constitute the primary consideration.

The Alumni of the College are requested to forward to the Dean information in regard to those who might be favorably considered, bearing in mind the conditions which have been set forth. An outline describing the accomplishments of the proposed graduate should also be enclosed.

OLD DIPLOMAS

A NUMBER of years ago, Dean Patterson, President of the Alumni Association at that time, suggested that an endeavor be made to secure copies of Jefferson diplomas of each year since the beginning of the College.

This undertaking has been brought to the attention of the Alumni from time to time through the columns of the Bulletin. While the file is far from complete, a considerable number of diplomas have been received, and among them are several issued in the early years of the College.

The endeavor is again brought to the attention of Alumni, with the request that whenever possible they should secure copies of old diplomas and forward them to the Librarian of the College.

Herewith is appended a list of those already received. Not all of these are in good condition. In a number of instances, duplicate copies are desirable, particularly if they are well preserved.

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MID-WINTER SMOKER AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

THE Mid-Winter Smoker was held in the Assembly Hall of the College on February 18, 1932. It was attended by an enthusiastic group of 363 alumni. The entertainment and the buffet supper proved quite satisfactory and the whole event a complete success in drawing together for a companionable evening the graduates of the Institution. Short addresses were made by the retiring President and the newly elected President of the Alumni Association.

BRANCH CHAPTER MEETINGS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

URING the past four months there have been and are being held a number of meetings of Jefferson Medical College Alumni. Some of these are in connection with the meetings of State and National Medical Associations. Other meetings have consisted of the regular activities of the branch chapters of the Alumni Association.

In connection with the annual meeting of the American College of Physicians at San Francisco a dinner of Jefferson Alumni was held on Wednesday evening, April 6, 1932. Dr. E. J. G. Beardsley of Philadelphia, who had planned to attend the meeting, was prevented from doing so by the vagaries of "flying weather."

Dr. Beardsley attended a Jefferson dinner at Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the evening of May 3, 1932. The occasion was a meeting of the Bridgeport Medical Association.

At the time the Bulletin is going to press a group of Jefferson Alumni are gathering together during the meeting of the American Medical Association in New Orleans, La. Unfortunately, the Bulletin is too late to be of any benefit in announcing the dinner and too early to give the report of the same. Dr. W. H. Perkins, Vice-President of the Medical Association of the State of Louisiana and Professor of Tropical Diseases at Tulane University, is making plans for the dinner which is to be held on May 11th at Antoine's, a famous old southern restaurant. The college will be represented by Drs. P. B. Bland, Thomas A. Shallow, Martin E. Rehfuss and Louis Clerf, who will attend the meeting of the Association.

Upon the initiative of Dr. William H. Kraemer, a Jefferson Alumni rally was held at the Hotel Dupont in Wilmington, Delaware. The guest speakers included Dr. John Fisher, Dr. P. W. Tomlinson, Dr. Clifford Lull and Dr. Harold W. Jones. There were present at the dinner twenty Jefferson Alumni from the State of Delaware.

The annual meeting of the Jefferson Alumni of North Carolina was held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, on April 19, at 1 P. M. There were one hundred men present. Informal talks were made by several of the older members and a short address was given by Dr. Elmer H. Funk. Wingate Johnson, of Winston-Salem, was elected President for the ensuing year.

During the Florida State Medical meeting an Alumni Luncheon was held on May 2nd at Sarasota, Florida. Arrangements were made by Dr. Robert Boyd McIver, Vice-President of the State Association. He stated that thirty men attended the luncheon last year and that he expected similar enthusiasm this year.

Special mention should be made of the activity of the forty-four Jefferson graduates in Blair County, Pa. A luncheon is held each Thursday in the
Penn-Alto Hotel, Altoona, at which fifteen or twenty Alumni are always present. Dr. Tellman Glover states that the luncheons are so popular that they are well attended, both winter and summer.

The Chairman of the Committee on Organization and General Membership, Dr. James L. Richards, is desirous of keeping in close touch with the various branches of the Alumni Association. He is particularly anxious that the secretaries of these various chapters send to him the list of local officers for the ensuing year. Whenever groups of Jefferson Alumni meet he is desirous that a report be sent in to the College, so that note can be made of the same and incorporated in the Alumni Bulletin.

Dr. William H. Kraemer has proposed a system of reporting such meetings in the form of an outline, which sets forth the number of Alumni present, the speakers, their subjects and any further data which would be of interest to the general graduate body.

CLASS OF 1931 SUPPORTS ALUMNI FUND

One year ago, prior to graduation, the members of the Class of 1931 pledged themselves to support the Alumni Fund. After thoughtful deliberation, the Class adopted the plan accepted by a number of other graduating classes.

The 1931 Class numbered 141 members, of whom 138 signed a series of promissory notes payable annually over a period of twenty years, each note being for that amount which each member felt he would be able to contribute at the time the pledge fell due. The total amount of notes pledged to the Fund reached the sum of $27,895.

GRADUATING CLASS SUPPORTS THE ALUMNI FUND

The Class of 1932, by unanimous action, has voted to support the Alumni Fund. The plan of participation differs somewhat from that of other Classes which have supported the Fund in that each member begins his contribution with the sum of $1.00 the year following graduation, and increases the annual contribution by the same amount over a period of twenty years. If every one of the 143 members of the Class signs the pledges and meets them at the time they are due, the total amount contributed by each member will be $210. The total Class contribution during the twenty years will be $30,030.

Through the medium of this Bulletin the Alumni Association wishes to express its satisfaction in this further support of the Alumni Fund, and to make record of its appreciation and thanks to the members of the Class of 1932, who have, in difficult times, continued the precedent of previous classes in contributing generously to the Fund.

ALUMNI FUND

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MAY 1, 1932

Total amount of Fund, December 31, 1931 .................. $229,527.30
Contributions and Interest since January 1, 1932 ........... 3,142.83

$232,660.13
DR. W. M. H. KRAEMER
President of the Alumni Association.
Elmer Hendricks Funk: 1886—1932

Dr. Elmer Hendricks Funk, Sutherland M. Prevost Professor of Therapeutics, died on the evening of May 13, 1932.

The above reproduction of him was first published in the Alumni Bulletin of January, 1932, with a notation of his recent appointment to the major faculty. Today it is printed in memory of him.

A resume of his career and accomplishments was published in the Bulletin of January, 1932. In respect to these, we need only mention his life-long service to the Jefferson Medical College and Hospital: his connection with the Medical Department successively as Instructor, Associate, Assistant Professor, Clinical Professor, and finally in 1931, his appointment to the position of Professor of Therapeutics. He was an active member of prominent medical associations; he contributed frequently to medical literature, assisting Dr. Thomas McCrae in the editorship of the third edition of the Osler-McCrae system "Modern Medicine," and writing recently the Oxford Monograph, entitled "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of the Respiratory Tract." His professional accomplishments were those of a brilliant physician.

We, the Alumni of Jefferson, wish to dwell particularly upon his devotion to our Association. We recall his years of service as a member of the Executive Committee, and his enthusiastic leadership of the Alumni Association as its recent President. Doctor Funk was as generous of his time to us as he was to his professional activities. His talents in cementing the friendships of Alumni and in inspiring increased devotion to our Alma Mater were no less great than his accomplishments as a teacher of Medicine. This generosity of energy and finally of life itself, will live on throughout the history of Jefferson and Jefferson men.
Elmer Hendricks Funk

ELMER HENDRICKS FUNK. "Ave atque vale." In his death the Jefferson Medical College and Hospital have lost a talented teacher, a wise and learned physician, a sound counsellor and one of whom it can be said in all sincerity, "a man well-beloved." His development represented a steady progress in the increase of his knowledge of and ability in medicine. It was evident to me when we first met that he was a man who would go far. His career was planned with wisdom and foresight, with the realization that a mastery of clinical medicine was not to be gained without time and patience and experience. He worked steadily toward this objective, without haste and without rest. He was a clinician of the first order, a group whose numbers are fewer to-day than a generation ago. His colleagues knew of his excellent judgment, his keen powers in diagnosis and his ability to get at the essential part of a problem. Little wonder that tempting offers came from other institutions, but he felt that his destiny was with and his duty to his college. What a pleasure it was to all who knew him when he was elected to a professorship and had his own department. Probably no more popular appointment was ever made to a chair in The Jefferson Medical College.

But while we were proud of his professional gifts, what we remember especially is the man himself and what he was to his friends. Lovable, kind and always anxious to help others, he has a place in our affections which is the best proof of what he was to us in his life and will be in our memories. His courage was shown in the manner in which he faced illness, the outcome of which was doubtful, years ago. He conquered it, and in the doing gained a sympathy which was of tremendous help to others. We remember his cheerfulness and the smile with which he greeted life. He and I worked together for twenty years and no one could have a more efficient and loyal associate than he was. There was never any further concern regarding work entrusted to him. He gave only in one way—of his best.

Death came in an instant from angina pectoris, which has cut short the lives of so many of the profession. Too often, as in his case, it has come when the man was reaching the height of his development. For us there is a new meaning in the lines of Milton when we think of Elmer Funk:

But O the heavy change, now thou art gone,
Now thou art gone, and never must return!

THOMAS McCRAE.
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