

This is most noteworthy in the long series of his discoveries with regard to lurking syphilis; but it is no less evident in the studies on the lymphoblastomatous conditions, on thymic hyperplasia and the status lymphaticus, on the changes produced by the Roentgen rays and on the significance of the hemolymph nodes, those little structures which had seemed so debatable until he proved them to be organs in their own right. It was in relation to syphilis, though, that he rendered chief service as investigator. By discriminating techniques and pertinacious observations he disclosed this disease in what had been taken always for innocent conditions, proving that it still tricks the doctor who for generations has been warned of its tricks.

Contributions of other kinds he made in great variety and number. A forceful, interested teacher whose influence continually ramified during forty years, Dr. Warthin met country-wide demands for lectures. He wrote text-books and comprehensive articles, labored as editor, served on public health committees, assumed presidencies, gave himself in short to activities which he knew to be alien to his main purposes, but carried on because he felt their need. In scientific meetings he spoke with a candor wholesome in this day when errors of fact during public discussions in the search for truth are too often condoned or reserved for hole-in-the-corner criticism. He expected as much of his fellows and experienced some naïve disappointments. As a humanitarian he would have been too aware of the dark side of life for his own good or that of others had not the bright side affected him still more. He could turn from a gruelling conference on venereal disease to his garden, or to music, to medical history, or merely to the consciousness of existing vigorously, in which he took great delight.

Possessed of a singular gusto for life yet utilizing his strength for the comprehension of the morbid, Dr. Warthin was drawn latterly to studies of the aging process and of some aspects of death itself. His book, "Old Age, the Major Involution," deals with the physical changes which constitute senility. It was characteristic of him that he spared no material detail yet had recourse in the end to the imagery of the Book of Ecclesiastes. In the "Creed of a Biologist" he set forth the view, as had Condorcet in the imminence of death, that it should suffice for man to believe in the progress of his kind and to make efforts toward it.

Dr. Warthin's last book, "The Physician of the Dance of Death," is in its immediate aspects an analysis of manners. During many years he had collected "Danses Macabres" in almost unrivaled variety, and the little volumes, peopled with the men and women of four centuries, all suddenly aware that they

are to die, furnished material to his hand. From amongst these he selected only the doctor, treating his theme in a matter-of-fact way like so much else that, thus handled, had yielded its secret. The first copies of the new-printed book awaited signature when death came to him—unrecognized, after all, since he saw in angina pectoris only a familiar asthma.

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## MEMORIALS

THE *British Medical Journal* states that a meeting of the Osler Club was held in London on July 12 to celebrate the eighty-second anniversary of Sir William Osler's birthday. Dr. William Stobie, Mayor of Oxford, delivered the fourth Oslerian oration. Dr. A. Salusbury MacNalty, of the Ministry of Health, proposed and Dr. A. P. Cawadias seconded, a vote of thanks, and Sir Percival Hartley briefly spoke in the discussion. Among those present were Sir D'Arey Power, Dr. J. D. Rolleston, Dr. K. R. Hay, Professor D. Fraser-Harris, and Mr. Arnold M. Muirhead, whose recent "Memoir" of Lady Osler was displayed among the exhibits.

A BRONZE bust of the late Professor Clemens Pirquet was recently unveiled in the garden of the New General Hospital of Vienna, when addresses were delivered by Professors Argt, Hamburger and Noeggerath, and Miss Harriette Chick, of the Lister Institute.

## RECENT DEATHS

DR. RICHARD ALEXANDER FULLERTON PENROSE, JR., until his retirement in 1911 professor of geology at the University of Chicago, died in Philadelphia on July 31, at the age of sixty-eight years.

THE REVEREND JOHN BERNARD GOESSE, S.J., professor emeritus of geophysical observations at the Saint Louis University, died at Saint Louis, July 25, at the age of sixty-two years. Father Goesse was the founder in 1908 and the first director of the Geophysical Observatory of Saint Louis University and took a prominent part in the organization of the first Jesuit Seismological Service in 1909, together with Father Odenbach, of Cleveland, and Father Tondorf, of Georgetown. His early retirement had been due to prolonged ill health.

DR. ERROL LIONEL FOX, professor of chemistry at Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, died on July 17 in Munich, in his thirty-ninth year.

DR. WILLIAM C. HASSLER, who served for thirty years as public health officer of San Francisco, died on August 2. Dr. Hassler was elected this year president of the American Public Health Association.