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VALEDICTORY AS SECRETARY-EDITOR

It was with great regret that my resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Medical Association and as Editor of the SOUTHERN MEDICAL JOURNAL was tendered at the Hot Springs meeting. I recognize the fact that the outstanding work of my life has been to aid in the up-building of the Southern Medical Association, and the greatest privilege that I have enjoyed in all my professional relations has been the contact with the progressive physicians in the sixteen Southern states in so worthy a cause as the advancement of medicine and surgery and the promotion of public health activities in the South.

The realization that one's efforts are appreciated brings joy to the heart of the person who is striving to accomplish something and the many evidences that I have had of the esteem and friendship of the physicians of the South fill me with pride, though I am humbled with the realization that I am given credit for much that I do not deserve.

For several years my professional duties have been such that I have given very little time to the Association and JOURNAL. For two years during my Army service the work was carried on entirely without

even a suggestion from me, and I know that without any help from me the well-oiled machinery of the Southern Medical Association and its JOURNAL will continue to move "without slipping a cog." Not only that; Mr. Loran, Secretary-Manager, and Dr. Dabney, Editor, will have the same hearty co-operation that I have had from the members of the Southern Medical Association, who are united in their enthusiasm for their favorite medical organization. The Southern Medical Association passed the experimental stage many years ago; and though now accomplishing much for the medical profession in the South, it is but at the dawn of its usefulness.

The Southern Medical Association will not miss me as Secretary-Editor, but I shall cease to enjoy the privileges that the position has brought to me. I have resigned to devote my entire activities to practice of the branch of medicine for which my training best fits me, and for the reason that the demands of patients leave me no time for Association work. It is also only through the practice of my profession that I can hope for the financial independence that every man should attain before the declining years come.

I shall always hold as among my most cherished possessions the friendships that have come to me while serving as the executive officer of the Southern Medical Association; and feeling as I do that the Association has done much more for me than I have for it, I am overwhelmed with gratitude on being promoted to the position which in my opinion is the greatest honor that can come to a physician in the South. During the coming year I shall do my best to serve as President and in all the remaining years of my life, next to the duties of practicing my profession and my devotion to family, will be my interest in the Southern Medical Association and its JOURNAL.

SEALE HARRIS.