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DR. A. MORGAN CARTLEDGE.

Dr. A. Morgan Cartledge, son of Rev. Abiah Morgan Cartledge and Louisa (Haygood) Cartledge, was born at Winnsboro, Fairfield County, South Carolina, November 24, 1858, and died of acute cardiac dilatation, complicated by a rapid pulmonary edema, at his home in Louisville, Kentucky, May 4, 1908. The Cartledges were of Welsh origin and the Haygoods were of English extraction, both of sturdy stock and strong individuality, imparting to their distinguished son their decided mental capacity and physical vigor.

Dr. Cartledge's early education, indeed, practically all that he received up to the time of entering medical college, was under the tutorage of his father. This was of great advantage to him in life, for his father was not only a scholar of the highest classical attainment, but had fine qualities as a teacher. He naturally took care that his son should be well grounded in every study necessary to a professional career. This work of his father was a labor of love, and it was doubtless the true basis of his son's professional success. Thus well equipped, when about twenty years of age, he entered the Hospital College of Medicine in Louisville, Ky., from which institution he graduated with distinguished honors in 1882. After a service of one year as interne in the Louisville City Hospital he immediately began the practice of his profession in the city of Louisville.

In 1884, in the very beginning of his career, he became identified as a teacher of medicine, having received the appointment of Lecturer upon Abdominal Surgery in his Alma Mater. Soon after assuming the duties of this position he was chosen to fill the chair of Surgery made vacant by the death of one of his former

professors in the Hospital College of Medicine. He resigned this position after three or four years and accepted a position as teacher of Anatomy in the Kentucky School of Medicine. This place he occupied until 1890, when he was called to fill the chair of "The Principles and Practice of Surgery and Clinical Surgery," in the Louisville Medical College, which position he filled with signal ability up to the date of his death. He was a staff surgeon to the City Hospital throughout his professional life, and was for many years Chief Surgeon to the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis Railroad.

Early in his career, Dr. Cartledge became prominent in medical society circles, becoming an active and valuable member of the leading societies in his city, State and nation. He held membership in the American Medical Association, the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association, the Kentucky State Medical Association and many others. He served as president of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association in 1900.

For quite a number of years he was desirous of seeing erected at Louisville a medical college building worthy of her extended reputation as a medical teaching center for the States of the South and West, and to that end he was untiring in his effort to accomplish its erection. To him and his colleagues is due the construction of the superb edifice of the Louisville Medical College in Louisville. In architectural elegance and adaptation to the purposes of its founders it is not excelled by any similar building in the South or West.

Dr. Cartledge was a ready and powerful writer, a fluent and forceful speaker. His

literary work, like that of his verbal lectures, was done with clear force and convincing power and upon all live professional topics he was heard with general approval. He wrote extensively for societies with which he was connected and for the medical journals, and his articles, bearing the ear-marks of a master, will follow him as models of perspicacity and force. He published many papers, the principal and only those mentioned in this connection having appeared in the transactions of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Society are as follows: "The Present Status of Drainage in Surgery," Southern Surgical and Gynecological Transactions, 1892; "Is Operation Demanded in All Cases of Appendicitis?—The Best Time to Operate," 1893; "Hysterectomy in Acute Puerperal Sepsis," 1895; "Cholelithiasis, with Report of Cases," 1896; "Myoma Originating in the Muscular Coat of the External Iliac Vein," 1899; "A Plea for the Better Appreciation of the Limitations of Our Operative Work," 1900; "The Time for Operation in Appendicitis," 1901; "The Surgical Treatment of Pancreatic Cysts," 1902; "Some Observations on Our Surgical Technique," 1906; "Some Remote Symptoms and Effects of Cholecystitis," 1907.

In debate Dr. Cartledge was no mean adversary, sustaining his contentions with a certainty born of a wide knowledge of the literature of the subject and an extensive personal, practical experience.

His name and fame, however, rested largely upon his skill as an operator. In this particular he had few equals or peers, thoroughly equipped by his knowledge of anatomical and pathological structures, a cool head, undaunted courage and a steady hand, to see him operate was a genuine pleasure and a liberal education. His success was remarkable—a little short of marvelous. From the beginning of his practice his attention was fixed upon abdominal and pelvic surgery, and the greater

part of his brilliant and successful work was in this field. Always an enthusiastic advocate of progressive and advanced ideas and practices in modern surgery, he was equally earnest in defense of conservatism. Among the first, he was found contending for the radical management of appendicitis; and his operative treatment of diseases of the gall bladder places him easily among the pioneers.

He was popular as a consultant, always fair and considerate to those with whom he came in contact. On the witness stand as an expert he was clear and succinct, and few of the legal fraternity dared to take liberty with him. The remarkable success achieved by him in his all too brief life came through his own unaided efforts, and there are none who deny or begrudge him all that contributed to his honor and fame as a surgeon or as a man.

Personally, Dr. Cartledge was very attractive, handsome of face and figure, genial, pleasant, companionable and hearty, he made and retained friends wherever he went. Always approachable, kind and considerate, a man who did not bear malice or speak evil, he is mourned by a large circle of friends, patients and acquaintances from all classes of people.

Dr. Cartledge was a public spirited and patriotic citizen. There were few subjects or undertakings of interest and importance to the public to which he was not quick to lend a willing and helping hand, and to give his counsel and support. If he had political ambition it was not manifested by any desire to hold political or public office.

Like most men of active life, he loved healthy, out-door sports, and in the field with dog and gun his record was nothing to be ashamed of. He was particularly fond of good horses and was always the possessor of some of the best.

His life was a busy, active one, free from enmity and bickering, he made his own way and was tolerant of others who were his rivals

and opponents in business. Few can recall his speaking bitterly or in derogatory terms of others.

His funeral was large and imposing, one seldom witnessed in the city of Louisville. The comments in the daily and professional

press were highly commendatory of his power and worth in his profession and community. His death is keenly felt by his professional associates and by the grateful and appreciative public that he served so well.

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