

IN MEMORIAM  
J. WILLIAM WHITE

SINCE January, 1892, nearly twenty-five years, the title page of the ANNALS OF SURGERY has borne the name of Dr. J. William White, of Philadelphia, as one of its collaborating editors. It is with profound grief and a deep sense of loss that we now have to record his death, which took place on April 24, after many months of disability and suffering. It will be the privilege of others to speak of the characteristics as a citizen, a teacher and a surgeon, which he displayed during the years of his active and laborious life. It is meet, however, that the ANNALS OF SURGERY should not allow the hour to pass without some record of the part which he played in its development. Our special relations began in the latter part of 1891 when, through his initiative and influence, this JOURNAL was acquired by the University of Pennsylvania Press, and its place of publication transferred from St. Louis to Philadelphia. He consented at that time to become one of the collaborators in the work of the JOURNAL and secured the further addition to its staff of Mr. Frederick Treves, of London, who was his intimate friend. When the proprietorship of the JOURNAL was taken over by the house of J. B. Lippincott Company, in 1897, Dr. White's interest in it still continued, and we have had the benefit of his advice and assistance until the hour of his death. Looking back over the past it is plain that the change in the home of the JOURNAL which occurred in 1892 had a great influence in opening up the possibilities in the field of surgical journalism which it has since been able to realize, so that all who are interested in it or are served by it should not fail to give to Dr. White credit for the result which he secured.

Of all the characteristics which Dr. White presented in so notable a degree none was more pronounced than that of loyalty to his friends and to the causes which he espoused. He was a tower of strength in whatever cause his interest was awakened. He was facile and quick in resource, broad and comprehensive in the fields of his endeavors and intense and unsparing of himself in his efforts to accomplish those ends which appealed to him as desirable.

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