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## GRADUATION BANQUET

The Alumni Association of the New York Medical College held the Graduation Banquet for the Class of December, 1943, at the Harvard Club on December 18th, 1943. There was no table for the fifty year class, as they had already attended ceremonies at the previous graduation held in March, 1943, however, there was a very good attendance of the older graduates. At the Speakers' Table were Dr. Joseph H. Fobes, '01, Toastmaster, President of the Alumni Association, Dean J. A. W. Hetrick, '18, Dr. Samuel B. Moore, '01, Alumnus member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. James M. Hills, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Dr. Edward M. Bernecker, Commissioner of Hospitals, City of New York, The Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, Rector, Church of St. Nicholas, and Dr. Frank J. Borrelli, President of the Homeopathic Medical Society of the State of New York. At 8 p.m. the graduating class, numbering eighty-three, of whom nine were women, marched to their places. Following the singing of the national anthem, a very excellent dinner was served. Dr. Fobes, speaking for the Alumni Association, said that four hundred and seventy-seven of our graduates were serving in the armed forces of our country, and that we had heard from many who are serving in all parts of the world; Africa, Asia, Southern Pacific, Guadalcanal, Australia, Iceland, Italy, France, England, Central America and wherever our troops are located. He read a citation which had been presented to Lieut. Commander E. Edward Napp, '33, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for bravery under fire at Guadalcanal. He then introduced Dr. Frank F. Williams, '83, from Canton, N. Y., whose son, Frank F. Williams, Jr., graduated in 1917, and grandson, Selden T. Williams, Jr., and the husband of his granddaughter, George Green, were graduating with the present class on Monday, December 20th, 1943. Dr. Fobes also mentioned the Lane's from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where three generations were represented among our graduates: Dr. Charles E. Lane, '83, Dr. George E. Lane, '08 and Dr. John Brice Plass, '38.

Dean Hetrick announced the addition of the City Hospital to the teaching staff of the College. The dedication for the class year book, Fleur-o-scope, then took place, and Walter X. Lehmann, editor, was asked to say a few words. The Fleur-o-scope for this class was dedicated to all those members of the Medical profession in the armed forces who have or shall give their lives that this nation might live. The Rev. Dr. Sizoo was then introduced, and spoke directly to the graduating class, giving sound advice on their entry into the noble profession of medicine. His talk was so appreciated by the class that a large number requested Dr. Fobes to send Dr. Sizoo a letter of thanks, in their behalf. The toastmaster then introduced that valued friend of the Institution, Dr. Bernecker. Among other things, Dr. Bernecker said he thought our Hospital and College were doing a wonderful work, and that he always felt "at home" when he came here. He announced that plans had been completed for the moving of the Metropolitan Hospital to a new location somewhere on the Upper East Side Drive, and that the erection of the new hospital buildings would begin as soon as war conditions permitted.

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## COMMENCEMENT DAY

The eighty-fourth Commencement exercises of the New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals were held on Monday, December 20th, 1943, at Hosack Hall, Academy of Medicine, New York, N. Y. There were eighty-three graduates nine of whom were women. Mr. Charles D. Halsey, chairman of the Board of Trustees, assisted in the Hooding Ceremony by Samuel B. Moore, M.D., '01 conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Norman Harold Le Torneau, B.S., M.D., and Carroll Crescent Lupton, M.D., received the degree of Master of Medical Science in Surgery.

Mr. James M. Hills, Secretary, Board of Trustees, presented the following prizes:

Trustees Prize awarded to Irving Jackson

Faculty Prize awarded to Samuel Cytryn

Honorable Mention awarded to Elizabeth L. Brown.

Because of the War and our accelerated program, this graduating ceremony is the second in this calendar year. Members of the class of 1893 received gold diplomas at the time of the first exercises in March.

The Commencement address was given by Harlow Shapley, Ph.D., LL.D., S.D., Litt.D., Sc.D., Dr. (Hon.) Paine Professor of Practical Astronomy, Director, Harvard College Observatory; President, National Academy of Arts and Science. Administration of Hippocratic Oath by Joseph H. Fobes, M.D. The Invocation and Benediction was given by the Right Rev. John Insley Blair Larned, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Long Island.

## COLLEGE NOTES

The 85th session of the New York Medical College opened on January 3rd. This is the third class to be admitted to the College under the accelerated program which started July 1st, 1942. On Registration Day it would have been extremely difficult for the casual observer to determine whether the College lobby was actually that or the main lounge of the U.S.O. Practically all of the men registering appeared either in Army or Navy uniforms. A few of the Naval trainees were still wearing the bell-bottomed trousers and middy blouses—worn in previous stations since the cadet uniforms will not be issued for a few days. This is the largest class ever to enter the college on the opening day. The Army trainees outnumber the Navy with 61 Army men as compared with 42 Navy students.

There were 128 students who had been selected from approximately 1500 applicants. 47 different colleges have provided the pre-medical training for these students—with Fordham, Columbia, Cornell, New York University, Harvard, Colgate, Wesleyan, and Dartmouth contributing the largest number of students—in the order named. As usual a majority of students comes from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and in all 11 different home states are represented in the class. Many of the men, however, have had some service with the Army or Navy in the interim between graduating and entrance into medical school. These men have been scattered to the four corners of our country during that time. This factor, together with the unusually large number of colleges sending their students to us, has certainly eliminated whatever last vestiges of provincialism that might have remained with us.

In addition to the Freshman students, 7 new students have been admitted to the Junior year. From the University of North Dakota are Raymond Cecil Fergusson, Julian Faville DuBois, Jr., Emmet Neil McCusker, Wallace James Paulson, and Donald LeRoy Graves. From the University of North Carolina come Joseph Paul Demeri and Ethel Geraldine Lawner.

Jon Wilson is the only student in the group who is the son of an Alumnus. His father is Doctor Milton J. Wilson, '18, Associate Professor in Orthopedic Surgery and Fractures.

The general improvement in the quality of the student body which has been noted in recent years continues to be apparent. In many instances this can be directly attributed to the very keen competition in the Army and Navy premedical training programs. Among civilians the same thing has been noted. Although the students are generally younger, they seem better motivated and to have a more mature attitude toward the seriousness of their work. Several of the Departments have commented that the preliminary exercises devoted to a review of certain aspects of the premedical program have been carried out with great earnestness. The general attitude of the student seems to be not that "This is old stuff," but one of "Although I've done this before, perhaps I can show a better result this time."

The College program officially opened with registration on Monday, January 3rd. Because of the accelerated program, it was necessary to confine the formal orientation activities to the first day. Roger C. Gay, Assistant to the Dean, welcomed the students to the College and reminded them of the serious purpose for which they had come to the College. Francis P. A. Williams, President of the Senior class spoke on the responsibilities of self-government in the Medical College. The Freshmen were then further introduced to the College via the color film "The Training of a Physician at the New York Medical College." In the afternoon the Dean held a reception in the College lobby at which the new students had an opportunity to meet the Freshman Faculty. Mrs. Roger C. Gay and Miss Helen L. Baker, Director of the Student Activities Program, served tea.

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL IN SURGERY

The Graduate School in Surgery started its year in the middle of September with four students. Dr. Frank Cohen of Flushing, Dr. Giuseppe D'Andrea of Jackson Heights, Dr. Benjamin Eisenberg who has just finished his internship at Metropolitan Hospital and Dr. Ernest Roth who has just completed a Residency in Thoracic Surgery at the Metropolitan Hospital under Dr. Thompson.

The Course has followed the usual line of basic work and the first half was just completed at the Christmas vacation. We are extremely fortunate, in spite of the increased activities of the Undergraduate School, in still having the close cooperation of the Faculty.

Two degrees of Master of Science were awarded this year, both in absentia. Dr. Carroll C. Lupton who is now in the Navy, and Dr. LeTourneau who left a residency at the Metropolitan to go out to California.

One of the outstanding works during the year has been the Pedicle Patch Pyloroplasty by Dr. Lawrence G. Beisler of the class of 42-43. Dr. Beisler's research problem was exhibited at the Graduate Fortnite at the Academy. Harvey Guth of Waupun, Wisconsin, of the class of '41 and '42 has done some extensive work in Downward Suction Drainage after Prostatectomy. Dr. James B. Scola of the class of '41-'42, now Resident at the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo, has done some very good work on a new technique for preparing a buried dermal graft in hernial repair. Dr. Davidson of the class of 1932, who has been practicing in New Jersey, is coming in to take the second half of his Basic Year, starting in January.

Many of our men are in active service. John Murphy, Marino, Abbey, Della Penna, Capt. Colmer, Lieut. Merscheimer, Capt. John Alley.

We appreciate very much the excellent support given us by the Alumni Association and will carry on with your help.

—Joseph H. Fobes, '01.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**BASKETBALL SEASON** began with a good turnout of students who report to Heckscher every Friday for practice. Sam Mottola is the squad coach and Ernest Kopp the manager. Schedules are going forward to play other medical colleges under a modified program, in keeping with the accelerated program.

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**DANCES:** A Hallowe'en Dance was given in October by the medical and nursing students. It was a crowded affair and managed by a committee from the two schools. A fortune teller told fortunes and Walter Leege's orchestra provided the dance music.

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**THANKSGIVING TEA:** A Thanksgiving Tea Dance was held in the College Foyer the day before the College and Nursing School recessed for Thanksgiving Day. Dr. O'Donoghue and Miss Gorey poured.

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**CHRISTMAS:** The College Foyer was decorated and a tree trimmed by medical and nursing school students for the Christmas season. A Christmas Carol Concert was held the last day of school by both student bodies.

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**GLEE CLUB:** Mr. Remely has been appointed the Glee Club Conductor for this year. Separate and joint rehearsals in the nursing school and medical college have been going forward in anticipation of the coming Hobby Show annual concert.

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**ANNUAL BALL:** The Student Association had its Second Annual Ball at the Hotel Plaza during the Christmas season. This climaxed the year's activities, and was tremendously successful.

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**SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS** were elected for 1944. They are: Francis Williams, President; Samuel Mottola, Vice-President; Eleanor De Paoli, Secretary; Fred Clark, Treasurer; Chester Svigals and Peter Pelligrini, Senators. Members of the Student Senate and class officers of the four classes acted as student sponsors for Freshman Orientation Day on January 3, 1944. Tours of the College were conducted, the Freshmen meeting their sponsors for luncheon. A Student Government Association meeting was held in which Francis Williams, Acting President of the Senate, explained Student Government to the Freshman class, and the film "Education of a Physician in the New York Medical College" was shown. A Faculty Reception was held for the Freshmen at five o'clock. Dean Hetrick, Mr. Gay, Dr. Stark, Dr. Tharaldsen, Dr. Kleiner and Dr. Cope were in the receiving line. Mrs. Roger C. Gay poured at the Tea.

## HONOR ROLL

The following are the names of our graduates in the armed forces of our Country received since the last issue (October 15th, 1943) of the Chironian. The total now is 483.

- Ameduri, Ardow, '40, Captain, M.C., U.S.A. Air Depot, Tinker Field, Okla. 0-1691344.
- Arenson, Nathan, '37, Captain, M.C., U.S.A. Station unknown.
- Cavaliere, Joseph, '41, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A. Flight Surgeon, Base Hospital, San Bernardino, Calif.
- Faber, John H., '42, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A. "Somewhere overseas." Address: 61st Med. Batt., Co. D, A.P.O. 516, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.
- Genninger, Lewis E., '42, Lieut. j.g. M.C., U.S.N. On destroyer escort, in North Atlantic.
- Gonzales, Robert T., '42, Lieut. j.g. U.S.N. On the high seas. Address: U.S.S. Warren, c/o Fleet P. O., San Francisco, Calif.
- Hazard, John D., '42, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A. In Ireland. Address: 79th General Hosp. D.P. 0-436833, A.P.O. 813. c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.
- Katz, Irving, '37, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A. Somewhere overseas. 228th Station Hospital.
- Landesman, William, '26, Lieut. Commander, M.C., U.S.N.R. Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.
- Light, Irving, '35, Assistant Surgeon (R) U.S.P.H.S. 29 Huron Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.
- Nimaroff, Harold, '42, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A. 125th Station Hospital, A.P.O. 4759, San Francisco, Calif.
- Pierri, Charles D., '42, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A. Camp Gruber, Okla.
- Struhl, Theodore R., '42, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A. 35th Infantry Division, Camp Rucker, Ala.

## DECEMBER, 1943 GRADUATING CLASS AND INTERNSHIPS

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| <p>ACKERMAN, Martin<br/>Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.</p> <p>ANZIANO, Samuel John<br/>Meadowbrook Hospital, Hempstead, L. I.</p> <p>AUFIERO, Emmanuel R.<br/>Fordham Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.</p> <p>BAILEY, Robert Stolte<br/>Flower &amp; Fifth Ave. Hosps., New York City</p> <p>BRISBANE, Joseph<br/>Lt. j.g., U.S.N.R.</p> <p>BROWN, Elizabeth<br/>Fordham Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.</p> <p>CATANZARO, Vincent<br/>Christ Hospital, Jersey City, N. J.</p> | <p>COBERT, Amos Brewster<br/>Morrisania Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.</p> <p>COHEN, Sidney J.<br/>Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Mass.</p> <p>CONNER, Herbert Allen<br/>Newark City Hospital Newark, N. J.</p> <p>CRATER, Kenneth Edwin<br/>Jersey City Med. Center, Jersey City, N.J.</p> <p>CYTRYN, Samuel<br/>Metropolitan Hospital, New York City</p> <p>DIAMOND, Charles<br/>Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Mass.</p> <p>FASSINO, Anthony Joseph<br/>Meadowbrook Hospital, Hempstead, L. I.</p> |
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FENICHEL, Murray F.  
 City Hospital, Newark, N. J.

FLOOD, Hugh Edward  
 Chelsea Naval Hospital, Boston, Mass.

FOX, John Lawrence  
 St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

GESUALDI, James  
 Bronx Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

GOLD, Hillard  
 Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

GRANDI, Joseph  
 Flower & Fifth Ave. Hosps., New York City

GREEN, George Garret  
 Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

GREENBERG, William B.  
 Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

GREENLAND, Frances  
 Staten Island Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y.

GREY, Stephen J.  
 Metropolitan Hospital, N. Y. C.

HARRINGTON, Donald F.  
 St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, N. Y.

HARTE, Margaret

HELLER, Miriam F.  
 Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

HILL, Donald Brown  
 Flower & Fifth Ave. Hosps., New York City

HOLDER, Lester  
 Newark City Hospital, Newark, N. J.

IANDOLI, Louis Jerry  
 St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

JACKSON, Irving  
 Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

KAFTEN, Sheldon H.  
 Morrisania Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

KOENIG, Arthur T., Jr.  
 Flower & Fifth Ave. Hosps., New York City

KOGUT, Henry Vincent  
 Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

KOSOVSKY, Harry  
 Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

LEDE, Joseph Henry  
 City Hospital, New York City

LEHMANN, Walter Xavier  
 Metropolitan Hospital, New York City

LINDSAY, William Wilcox  
 City Hospital, New York City

LOEHMANN, William Thomas  
 U. S. Navy Internship

LÓPERFIDO, Francis John  
 Fordham Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

LOWY, Alfred Charles  
 Metropolitan Hospital, New York City

LUSARDI, Eugene J.  
 St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

MARGLES, Elliot Charles  
 Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

McCAFFERY, Wallace T.  
 St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, N. J.

McFAUL, A. Irene Erma  
 Post Graduate Hospital, New York City

McNULTY, James V.  
 U. S. Navy Internship

MENUSTIK, John, Jr.  
 Binghamton City Hosp., Binghamton, N. Y.

MERNIT, Arthur H.  
 Brooklyn Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

MULCAHY, James J., Jr.  
 U. S. Navy Internship

O'CONNOR, Robert A.  
 Jersey City Med. Center, Jersey City, N. J.

PEARCE, Frank Austen  
 St. John's Riverside Hosp., Yonkers, N. Y.

PRANCL, William J.  
 St. Francis Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

PRIBUS, Fredrick T.  
 Los Angeles General County Hospital

RADOWEICKI, Micislaus Walter  
 Hospital of St. Raphael, New Haven, Conn.

REILLY, Philip Cullen  
 St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City

REILLY, Raymond P.  
 Jersey City Med. Center, Jersey City, N. J.

RHEA, James Wendel, Jr.  
 Bellevue Hospital, New York City

RICKARD, Robert Nelson  
 The California Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif.

ROTH, Daniel  
 Metropolitan Hospital, New York City

RYAN, Edward S.  
 St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SALZMAN, Emanuel  
 Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SCANLON, Adelaide T.  
 Metropolitan Hospital, New York City

SCHUMAN, Bernard J.  
 Morrisania Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

SHAY, John Francis  
 Binghamton City Hosp., Binghamton, N. Y.

SIEGE, Alfred G.  
 Bridgeport General Hosp., Bridgeport, Conn.

SILBERMAN, Eugene J.  
 Flower & Fifth Ave. Hosps., New York City

SILVERSTEIN, Donald J.  
 Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, N. J.

SMITH, David J.  
 Queens General Hospital, Jamaica, N. Y.

SMITH, Jeanne Helene  
 Queens General Hospital, Jamaica, N. Y.

STEVENS, Norman D.  
 Metropolitan Hospital, New York City

STOLLER, Elias R.  
 Beth Israel Hospital, New York City

TCHERTKOFF, Victor  
 Beth Israel Hospital, New York City

TENNENBLATT, William  
 Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

VERDONE, George F.  
 Bellevue Hospital, New York City

WALSH, John David  
 St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, Conn.

WEIERICH, Adeline Marie  
 Metropolitan Hospital, New York City

WILBUR, Harry John  
 French Hospital, New York City

WILKENS, Robert  
 New Rochelle Hospital, New Rochelle, N. Y.

WILLIAMS, Seldon Thornton, Jr.  
 Methodist-Episcopal Hosp., Brooklyn, N. Y.

WINKLER, Howard Alan  
 Queens General Hospital, Jamaica, N. Y.

WOLFE, Nathalie M.  
 Metropolitan Hospital, New York City

YAMASAKI, Ken  
 Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ZUCKERMAN, Sidney  
 Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## PERSONALS

Please send personal items to the News  
Editor, 1 East 105th Street, N. Y. C.

WILLIAMS, Frank F., '83, Canton, New York. The following letter was received from Dr. Williams. "But few men (doctors) live to see their grandson, and the husband of a granddaughter, graduate from the same medical college from which they graduated. I graduated in 1883, my son, Frank F. Williams, Jr., in 1917, and now my grandson, Selden T. Williams, Jr., and the husband of my granddaughter, George Green, are to graduate on December 20th. I hope to be there. I expect to leave for New York on December 17th, so please send ticket at once or keep it until I come."

KEITH, Horace G., '91, for many years Chief of Staff of the Homeopathic Hospital of Yonkers, N.Y., is living in Montclair, N. J. In his retirement from active practice, Dr. Keith is working as an extern in the Montclair Community Hospital. At a recent meeting of the Essex County Homeopathic Society, Dr. Keith was elected to honorary membership.

McGEOCH, Ralph, '94, Goshen, N. Y. Due to illness, Dr. McGeoch has retired from active practice.

ARONS, Isidore, '16, has been appointed Attending Roentgenologist of the Bellevue Hospital.

RAISBECK, Milton J., '16, of New York City, was the first speaker of the season at the monthly meetings of the Utica Academy of Medicine, which started September 16th. Dr. Raisbeck addressed the doctors at a dinner meeting. His topic was "Surgical Treatment of Coronary Disease."

LANDESMAN, William, '26, writes as follows: "I have received my commission as Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve. I report for active duty on January 31st, 1944 at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

FIERRO, Eugene, '28, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., writes that he is somewhere in England where he met Captain Longworth, '37, and Lieut. Willner, '41. Captain Fierro's present address is 303rd Station Hospital, 0-1689786, A.P.O. 875, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

GERNE, Timothy, '28, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., advises that his present ad-

dress is: Station Hospital, North Camp Hood, Texas. 0-500649.

GOLDSTEIN, Louis, J., '28, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., advises that he is in North Africa, and his address is: 90th C. A. (AA) A.P.O. 700, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

STEINHOLTZ, Samuel, '28, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., writes that he is serving with the Army in Italy and his present address is: 33rd Field Hospital, A.P.O. 306, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

COLONNEL, William J., '29, Lieut. Commander, M.C., U.S.N.R., is medical officer of Ward D-2 at the United States Naval Hospital, Aiea Heights, Terr. Hawaii.

BOBROFF, Henry K., '30, formerly a Captain, U.S.A. Medical Reserve Corps was given an honorable discharge for physical disability in June, 1942. He is senior physician of the Great Lakes Indian Agency and physician in charge of the Hayward Indian Hospital, Hayward, Wisc.

BOCHOW, George A., '30, Captain Bochow announces the birth of a daughter, Beryl Georgette, on September 9th, 1943. He was on his way overseas at this time. He met Irving Katz, '37, somewhere overseas, where he is chief anesthetist at the 228th Station Hospital. Captain Bochow's address is: 1st Aux. Surg. Group, A.P.O. 651, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

FISCHER, Frederick, '30, Captain, M.C., A.U.S., has been retired from service with the armed forces, and has returned to the practice of medicine at 8005 - 19th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

ADLER, Gustave H., '31, Captain, M.C. U.S.A., has been transferred. His present address is: 43rd O.T.B., Sect. 1, Carlisle Barracks, Penna.

SCHWEIZER, Herman W., '31, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., advises of a change in address, it is: Captain Herman W. Schweizer, M.C. 0-311683, Prov. Clr. Co. 102nd Medical Bn., A.P.O. 27, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

HEILWEIL, Sidney S., '32, was promoted to the rank of Lieut. Commander on October 20th, 1943. He is a surgeon (R) U.S.P.H.S., assigned for

duty with the Navy Department and reassigned to the U. S. Maritime Service (War Shipping Administration). On December 7th, 1942 he established the first Hospital Corps School for that service. Graduates of this school are comparable to the rate of Pharmacist's Mate, 3rd class. These men will rate as petty officers aboard the American Merchant Fleet, and are responsible to the Master of the ship for the health and comfort of the crew. The plan is the first to provide every American Merchant ship, including cargo freighters, with a seaman trained and equipped to handle sanitary and health problems on board. The school has a staff of qualified instructors and nurses, laboratory technicians, laboratories, lecture halls, and audiovisual education, and other equipment necessary for the three months intensive course on ship's sanitation, quarantine regulations, disease prevention, personal hygiene and venereal disease, emergency treatment and minor surgery, transportation of the sick and injured, nursing and supportive care, and elementary pharmacy. Graduates of this school are now sailing the seven seas and attached to vessels of the Army Transportation Service. It is hoped that through this medium the mortality rate of the merchant sailor carrying the lifeline of equipment to our troops will be cut down.

BAUER, Marshall A., '33 )

SALTZMAN, Samuel, '33) Six hours after the first assault troops smashed into Italy, Lieut. M. A. Bauer and Lieut. Samuel Saltzman came ashore with the first hospital unit to land. "It was the first time in history that an evacuation hospital landed on D-Day—the day of debarkation," said Saltzman. "We spent three days and two nights right there on the beach with German shells and bombs landing all around the area." "Yes" said Bauer, "after that we started calling ourselves the bedpan commandos."

RIKER, Harold H., '33, writes that he has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Army Medical Corps, and that he has resumed the practice of medicine at 38-16 - 149th Place, Flushing, N.Y.

TESTA, Nicholas, '33, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A., is now located at Camp Reynolds, Penna.

ROBBINS, Bernard L., '34, Captain, M.C., U.S.A. A picture V-letter with

Christmas Greetings from the Middle East was received from Captain Robbins. His address is: 8th A.D.G., A.P.O. 606, c/o Postmaster, Miami, Fla.

CALABRESE, Savin D., '36, 1st Lieut., M.C., U.S.A., is located somewhere in England. Address is: 1st Auxiliary Surgical Group, A.P.O., 517, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

O'BRIEN, John J., '36, entered the Armed Forces in December, 1940. He left for overseas in August, 1943, and is now in North Africa. His present address is: Captain John J. O'Brien, M.C., Surgeons Office, E.B.S., A.P.O., 763, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

ALVAREZ, Lawrence J., '37, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., is located somewhere in England. Address: 1st Auxiliary Surgical Group, A.P.O., 517, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

BRETT, Wilbur B., '37, Lieut. Commander, M.C., U.S.N.R., is now stationed at Receiving Station Dispensary, Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

LAWRENCE, Joseph, '37, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., is somewhere in North Africa.

NOVALIS, Nicholas A., '37, Captain Novalis' present address is: Med. Det., 745th Tank Bn. (M), 0350849, M.C., A.P.O., 579 c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

SCALA, Charles J., '37, Lieut. j.g., M.C., U.S.N., is ship surgeon on fleet duty.

SCHWAB, George P., '37, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., is somewhere in North Africa with a surgical unit. Address: 0400720, A.P.O., 252, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

SPIRE, Lyman J., '38, Captain, M.C., U.S.A. We have a victory letter from Captain Spire in which he says he is somewhere in Australia, and that recently he met Captain John Tornambe, '37, there. Although Captain Spire is overseas, his address is: 515th M.S. H.P., Camp Stoneman, Calif., as he will receive no mail until he returns to California.

ARONSON, Esther R., '39, writes as follows: "I am now in general practice at 302 South First Avenue, Mount Vernon, N.Y. Besides my own practice I am covering that of my husband who is now in North Africa. We have a two year old daughter."

GUALTIERI, Rosario M., '39, Captain, M.C., U.S.A. Dr. and Mrs. Gualtieri announce the birth of a son on Septem-

- ber 24th, 1943. Captain Gualtieri is with the 336th (AAA) SL BN MDD in Seattle, Wash.
- McFARLIN, Major Raymond T., '39. Major and Mrs. McFarlin announce the arrival of a baby girl on October 17th. Address is: Major Raymond H. McFarlin, M.D. Headq. CC "B", A.P.O. 255, - 0317687, Indian Town Gap, Penna.
- MONDELLI, Mario A. J., '39, has recently been promoted to Captain. He is somewhere overseas. His address is as follows: 0-471699 - 92nd Station Hospital, A.P.O., 610, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.
- BERLIN, Walter, '40, has been promoted to Captain, and at present is located in Italy. He entered the army in July, 1941. After almost a year in the British Isles, he landed in Africa, and was with a clearing company during the entire Tunisian campaign. At present he is with a field artillery battalion pounding away in The Apennines, spending the better part of his time digging fox holes. He would like to hear from any of the "old gang." Address: 185th F.A. Bn., A.P.O. 34, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.
- BONITO, Fedele, L., '40, Lieut. M.C., U.S.A., is somewhere in North Africa.
- SHIPMAN, Robert T., '40, Captain, M. C., U.S.A., is now stationed with the 77th Division at Camp Pickett, Va.
- GRANT, Francis J., '41, 1st Lieut. M. C., U.S.A., who is now located at the Station Hospital, Camp Davis, North Carolina, announces his engagement to Miss Catherine W. Furlong, formerly with the Bacteriology Department of the New York Medical College, now residing at Charleston, South Carolina.
- LEIS, Henry Patrick, Jr., '41, was married on January 8th, 1944 to Miss Winogene Barnette at the Sacred Heart Church, Charleston, West Virginia.
- MALINASH, Louis, '41, 1st Lieut. M. C., U.S.A. Sometime ago we had word from Dr. Malinash that he had been transferred to the 227th Station Hospital, Camp Blanding, Florida. He is chief of Neuropsychiatry at this station hospital, which will be leaving for overseas duty in the immediate future. The 227th is a 500 bed unit which will probably be enlarged to 750, and he considers his appointment an immense opportunity. He gave a talk to the medical officers on the subject of Neuropsychiatry, and he has subsequently been asked to give a series of lectures on this subject.
- MARGULIES, Charles, '41, Captain, M.C., U.S.A., is stationed somewhere in England. His address is: 0-1689285 326th Airborne Medical Co., A.P.O. 472, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.
- MUSTER, William J., '41, Captain, M. C., U.S.A., is stationed at Camp Polk, La., at present. Now on winter maneuvers. Will soon be home in Ridge-wood, N. J., on a short leave to meet his daughter, Virginia Lee, born Oct. 27th, 1943 in Boulder City, Nevada. Mrs. Muster is the former Louise K. Hevey, R.N., graduate of Flower and Fifth Avenue School of Nursing. Captain Muster's present address is: 9th Armored Engr. Bn. A.P.O. 259, c/o Postmaster, Shreveport, La.
- SCHLECHTER, John F., '41, Captain, M.C., U.S.A. After serving one month as resident in St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Schlechter was called into the Army Air Force at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., transferred to Carlisle Barracks for one month's training, after which he was ordered to Pinellas Air Base, thence to Randolph Field for a course in aviation medicine. He was then transferred to Nashville for clinical work, and graduated as Aviation Medical Examiner; then promoted to Captaincy in the Air Force and sent to the School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla. His present address is: Captain John F. Schlechter, M.C., Squadron Surgeon, 304th Fighter Sq'dn., Pinellas Army Air Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- FABER, John H., '42, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A., is somewhere overseas. He would appreciate news from any of his colleagues. Address: 61st Medical Batt. Co. D, A.P.O. 516, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.
- FORCE, Berwyn R., '42, Lieut. j.g., M.C., U.S.N.R. Address: U.S.S. South Dakota, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.
- GENNINGER, Lewis E., '42, Lieut. j.g. M.C., U.S.N., has been on active duty on a destroyer escort in the North Atlantic since July, 1943.
- VENERUSO, Leonard C., '42, 1st Lieut. M.C., U.S.A., was recently married to Miss Dorothy Lassiter of New York City. The wedding took place in St. Louis, Mo. Lieut. Veneruso is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.
- NIMAROFF, Meyer, '43. Dr. Nimaroff, who received the Master of Medical Science Degree in Radiology, has received the commission of Lieut. Commander, M.C., U.S.N.R.

## In Memoriam

BLACKMAN, William W., '77, Brooklyn, N.Y. In the passing of William W. Blackman we have lost a loyal friend and helper, closely associated with our college from 1875 till the day of his death, October 4th, 1943, a period of sixty-nine years. The continuity of his interest is shown by the simple fact that he attended every commencement of the college from 1876 till the present year. With equal steadfastness he served on the Board of Trustees for thirty-eight years, a term longer than that of any other trustee in the history of the college. In like manner he was regular and faithful in his attendance and service in our Alumni Association, and in various medical societies and hospitals, in all of which he held high offices and positions of great responsibility. As a fellow student and life long admirer of William Blackman, I have looked on him as the ideal physician, and as a man of sterling honesty and unselfish devotion to duty, and I have space for only a few viewpoints of this strong man of many diversified talents. While still a student, his keen interest in anatomy was shown by his winning Prof. Carmichael's prize for the best anatomical preparation; this dissection by him, is still one of the exhibits in the William Waldo Blackman Laboratory of Anatomy. His thorough work as Demonstrator and Professor of Anatomy, and his artistic drawing and painting of anatomical charts for the department, which he continued to produce till two years ago, has been described in detail by Professor Tharaldsen in the Quarterly for October, 1942. When he began practice in Brooklyn his conveyance was by horse car and his own sturdy legs, but soon he became a successful horse and buggy doctor. Keenly alive and alert to new discoveries and inventions, he kept abreast of the marvelous progress in knowledge of medicine, and in the science and art of surgery. A firm believer in Homeopathic therapy and the efficacy of small doses of medicine, he was also skilful as a surgeon, and in the use of physical and mechanical measures, and in rare emergencies even resorting to toxic drugs. Thus he was an all around physician, ready to use whatever came to hand that might benefit or relieve human sufferers. Just as we admire and emulate men who are capable of things impossible for us, so even more do we look up to one like Dr. Blackman, possessing not only ability and skill, but also that courage that is not sparing of self, that three o'clock in the morning courage, that courage of the wise and brave physician, the soldier fighting the legions of death. Such was Dr. Blackman, and that was why his patients clung to him with trust and confidence throughout their lives, and for the same reason his fellow physicians believed in him, honored him, and loved him. In spite of the long continued destructive effects of early X-ray burns,

which finally put an end to his life in his eighty-eighth year, he still remained young in mind and spirit, and even the day before his death he advised and prescribed for several of his old patients. That afternoon he talked over the affairs of his beloved college with discerning interest and clear reasoning, seasoned with kindly humor, and he spoke of the present desperate world struggle not only with courage and hope, but with confident faith in the final triumph of righteousness and justice. A serene, a noble, and withal, a fitting ending of the useful and beneficent career of our elder brother, our guide, philosopher and friend, our grand old man.

WARNER, Alton G., '83, New York, N.Y. Dr. Warner was born in Dundee, N.Y., the son of the late Jacob Kent and Mary Platt Warner. He was oculist and aurist at the Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn, from 1889 until he retired in 1923. He was formerly consulting oculist and aurist of the Prospect Heights Hospital, Brooklyn, and the Jamaica Hospital. He helped to organize the Peck Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn. Dr. Warner was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a former president of the Kings County Medical Society. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a trustee of the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. Dr. Warner died on December 27th, 1943 in the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals. He was eighty-five years old. Surviving are two sons, Stuart D. Warner and Alan G. Warner; two daughters, Mrs. Genevieve Cummings, of New York, and Mrs. Irene W. Ayers, of Concord, N. H., and a brother, Edwin G. Warner, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

NICHOLS, G. Louis, '93, Stafford Springs, Conn. Dr. G. Louis Nichols retired from medical practice in Hoboken, New Jersey, ten years ago, and went back to Stafford Springs, where he had previously practiced from 1894 to 1903. He died on December 15th, 1943, at the Johnson Memorial Hospital. He was seventy-two years old. A brother, Dr. W. E. Nichols of Pasadena, Calif., survives.

BRADNER, John Coville, '07, Middletown, N.Y. Dr. Bradner was born in Middletown, N.Y., on July 3rd, 1883, the son of John F. and Jennie Duryea Bradner. He graduated from the Middletown High School in 1903 and from the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1907. He was on the consulting staff of the Horton Memorial Hospital, and practiced medicine in Orange County, where his Grandfather and Aunt practiced before him for many years. His Grandfather, Dr. Ira Bradner, was a surgeon in the Civil War. Dr. Bradner was decorated with the Croix de Guerre by Marshall Foch, Commander in chief of the Allied armies in World War I, in recognition of his services at Champagne,

July 15th to 18th, 1918. He was Captain in the 369th Infantry, 93rd Division, A.E.F. Dr. Bradner was a sound clinician, a good homeopathist, an excellent surgeon, and a delightful companion. He was modest, and it was with great difficulty that we could get any details as to the reason for his being given the Croix de Guerre. After much questioning it was learned that he received this decoration following a feat of singular bravery in rescuing wounded soldiers while under fire. He was loved by every one who knew him, and will be sorely missed. He was a member of the Middletown Lodge of Elks and of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Bradner died on October 13th, 1943 at the Horton Memorial Hospital. He was sixty years old. He is survived by a sister, Belle G. Bradner of New York; a brother, Howard T. Bradner of Daytona Beach, Fla., and a foster sister, Miss Sadie Hale of New York.

SMITH, Joseph L., '30, Brooklyn, N.Y. Dr. Smith was on the staff of the Kings County Hospital, Metropolitan Hospital and the Israel Zion Hospital of Brooklyn. He died on November 12th, 1943 of Cerebral Emboli, following Appendectomy. Aged 37.

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