Doctor Martin Dewey, D. D. S., M. D.

1881—1933

On May 13, 1933 Doctor Martin Dewey, fifty-two years old, died unexpectedly in New York City.

He was a student and later on an instructor in the famous Angle School of Orthodontia. After filling some teaching positions at Western Universities, he came to New York City as Head of the Orthodontic Department at Columbia University. He was the author of the well known textbook "Practical Orthodontia", and for many years was editor of the International Journal of Orthodontia.

In 1910 he established the Dewey School of Orthodontia. There was a great deal of opposition against this school as a private teaching place of orthodontia, because the Dental Colleges and the Dental Societies wished to eliminate all dental teachings done outside of recognized schools. Despite of this fact, more orthodontists graduated from this school than from any other orthodontic school in the United States.

Doctor Dewey was one of the first and few American teachers of orthodontia in the United States who stressed the importance of comparative anatomy and of histopathology. This school was more of a one man school than probably any other modern school. Doctor Dewey himself taught the subjects of embryology, anatomy, comparative anatomy, histology, orthodontic diagnosis, appliance design and treatment.

The Dewey clinic, which was connected with the school, enabled the students to see the practical application of their lessons. In his teachings, Doctor Dewey was very broad minded, including in his programme all of the recognized methods of orthodontic diagnosis, as well as in orthodontic appliances and treatment. He has, however, especially in later years, leaned strongly towards the so called "biologic" principles. The courses lasted for eight weeks of very intensive all day study.

Doctor Dewey was also very active in dental society work, having been the president of the American Society of Orthodontists, the First District Dental Society of New York, and the American Dental Association.

His death has been a tragic incident to his many friends and students, and has been a great loss to the orthodontic profession of the world.

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Die diesjährige Tagung der D. G. f. Z. O. findet Ende Oktober in Frankfurt statt und ist verbunden mit dem 25jährigen Stiftungsfest der Gesellschaft.

Das ausführliche Programm wird im September veröffentlicht werden. Vortragsanmeldungen schon jetzt erbeten.

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