

Dr. Bettmann made numerous contributions to the subject of diseases of the digestive tract and was particularly interested in the problem of so-called chronic appendicitis with particular reference to the pit-falls in the diagnosis of this condition as evidenced, for example, by the failures following surgical treatment. He was, up until the time of his death, engaged in a large practice much of which was consulting in character.

He wrote the chapters on Diseases of the Liver and Diseases of the Intestines for the George Blumer edition of *Forcheimer-Billings Therapeutics of Internal Diseases*. He wrote the section on Diarrhea for Nelson's *Loose-Leaf Medicine* and the section on Examination of the Feces in Tice's *System of Medicine*.

Dr. Bettmann was a friend of the younger medical man and would constantly encourage him in his undertakings. He was a man of diversified interests. His knowledge of literature, both ancient and modern, was profound. Both the fields of poetry and philosophy were his in which to wander and a remarkably tenacious memory made what he read his own possession. He was a chess enthusiast of the highest order; he delighted in setting and solving the most intricate problems. His was a mind which lent itself naturally to a culture of uncommonly wide extent. Endowed with a delightful sense of humor, his qualities made him a colleague to be loved and cherished; his humanitarianism and ability, one to be admired.

His passing represents a distinct loss to this Association.

## George Washington McCaskey\*

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Through the death of George Washington McCaskey in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on December 30th, 1935, the American Gastro-enterological Association lost one of its earliest and most distinguished members.

Dr. McCaskey was born in Fulton County, Ohio, November 9, 1853. He was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1877 and in 1880 from the University College of London, England. Upon his return to his native land he established his practice in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he continued his life work up to the time of his death. He retired from clinical work seven years ago, to devote himself to writing and to research.

By his untiring devotion to the pursuit of knowledge in his chosen profession, Dr. McCaskey won a high place as a diagnostician and clinician, and was a recognized authority in diseases of the alimentary tract.

Dr. McCaskey was a prolific writer and his contribu-

tions to medical literature were numerous and valuable.

In 1910, Dr. McCaskey was a delegate to the International Medical Congress at Madrid, Spain, at which he delivered a noteworthy address.

Dr. McCaskey had several honorary degrees conferred upon him in recognition of his professional attainments, among which were Ph.B. in 1881 and M.A. in 1884, both by the DePauw University.

Dr. McCaskey by his broad vision, keen judgment and wise council won the confidence and esteem of those with whom he worked for so many years.

*Be it Resolved:* That we, the American Gastro-enterological Association express our deep sorrow for the loss of this true physician and wise counselor.

*Be it Further Resolved:* That these resolutions be made a part of the permanent records of this Association, and a copy be sent to the surviving members of Dr. McCaskey's family as a token of the high regard and esteem in which he was held by the members of the American Gastro-enterological Association.

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## Annual Abstracts of Proctologic Literature, 1935-1937

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### INTRODUCTION

IN the performance of my duty in the review of the Proctologic Literature for the past year, it was immediately evident that the task was nearly Herculean and apparently never ending. That satisfaction that comes with the exhausting completion of a single subject for review is not the reward of the compiler of the Proctologic Literature for this Society. To do that is a physical impossibility and with the added interest given our specialty and the in-

creasingly large numbers of contributions, coupled with the importance of having a careful analysis of the literature on the multitude of related subjects, there might be some question as to the wisdom of delegating the work to a single member of the Society in the future.

As it has been with my predecessors, additional help always has been necessary from librarians and from abstractors for both foreign and domestic ab-

stracts; and each one has mentioned that, though a voluminous report was given, nevertheless it was by necessity many hundreds of articles less in the Transactions than the number actually reviewed. My respectful admiration and appreciation of past reviewers rapidly mounted at the start of this work last year.

Whereas this is merely offered as a suggestion for your future consideration one definite change was made following the suggestion of the secretary,