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 P. 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.