

DR. BURRETT DIES; HEAD OF HOSPITALS

President of Flower and Fifth Avenue and the Medical College Since 1939

PREVIOUSLY WAS DEAN

Ex-Chief of American Institute of Homeopathy—Had Taught Surgery at Michigan

Dr. Claude Adelbert Burrett, president of the New York Medical College and Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, Fifth Avenue and 105th Street, died Monday night at the hospitals of a cerebral hemorrhage, hospital authorities announced yesterday. His age was 62.

Dr. Burrett, after being at his office all day, had gone to his residence at 19 East Eighty-eighth Street, where he was stricken. He died a few hours after being rushed to the hospitals.

He had been president of the college and hospitals since 1939 and before that had been dean and medical director since 1935. He came to New York in 1925 as dean and director of the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Flower Hospital.

Previously Dr. Burrett had been a teacher and Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan for nine years and dean of the College of Homeopathic Medicine, Ohio State University, from 1915 to 1922.

Dr. Burrett was born July 13, 1878, at North Greece, Monroe County, N. Y., the son of Cyrus A. and Ida Sage Burrett. He was graduated in 1902 from Syracuse University, where he studied in the medical department for two years. He received his medical degree in 1905 from the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College.

Joined Michigan Faculty

The same year he became director of the pathogenic laboratory and instructor in toxicology at the University of Michigan. In 1913 he became Professor of Surgery and Genito-Urinary Surgery at that institution. In 1914 he went to Ohio State University as Professor of Surgery and acting dean of the College of Homeopathic Medicine. He was president of the American Institute of Homeopathy for 1922.

During the World War Dr. Burrett was surgeon to the student army training corps at Ohio State and a member of the medical division of the Ohio War Defense Board.

As president of the New York County Homeopathic Medical Society, he was one of a committee of five physicians of that society who sent a letter to the Fifth Avenue Hospital demanding that it be conducted as "a homeopathic institution" in accordance with the desires of donors to the hospital. The letter, which indicated that a suit might be filed to determine the rights of the hospital management, followed reports that homeopathic physicians had been ousted from the hospital staff.

In 1935, when the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Flower Hospital affiliated with Fifth Avenue Hospital, more than twenty physicians on the staff of the latter institution resigned. Dr. Burrett, director of the affiliated institutions, stated at the time: "Nowhere did the written resignations mention a controversy over homeopathy or allopathy. We have a number of allopathic physicians remaining on the staff of both Fifth Avenue and Flower Hospitals." Consolidation of the institutions was effected in 1937. In 1936 the word "Homeopathic" was dropped from the title of the medical college.

Presided at Dedication

A \$1,500,000 building for the New York Medical College was built between 105th and 106th Streets in the rear of the Fifth Avenue Hospital building in 1939 and was opened that December. Each of the nine stories of the college and clinics building connects with a floor of the hospital. Dr. Harold Willis Dodds, president of Princeton University, and Mayor La Guardia spoke at the dedication at which Dr. Burrett presided.

Dr. Burrett was a member of the American Medical Association, a fellow of and former governor of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the New York Academy of Medicine, the New York County and State Medical Societies. He was on the medical council of the State Board of Regents, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a trustee of Syracuse University and a member of the board of Christ Church.

He leaves a widow, the former Clara Virginia Partridge; two sons, Adelbert P. of Buffalo and Dr. John Barton of Boston, and two daughters, Mrs. Helen Oakes of Upper Montclair, N. J., and Mrs. Virginia Sheppard of Washington, D. C.

A funeral service will be held at 4 P. M. tomorrow in Christ Methodist Church, Park Avenue and Sixtieth Street. Burial will be in East Bloomfield, N. Y., where Dr. Burrett had a Summer home.



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