

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
HENRY GEORGE MEHRTENS

In the death of Dr. Henry George Mehrtens, Professor of Medicine and Acting Dean of the Medical School, the University has suffered an irreparable loss.

Dr. Mehrtens came to us from the University of California in 1911, and received his M.D. in 1913. The inspiring influence of the late Dr. A. W. Hoisholt determined his early interest in nervous and mental diseases, and almost from the day of his graduation he began the development of our Division of Neuropsychiatry. Twenty years of quiet, unremitting labor in that field and his long service as resident physician of the Stanford Hospitals gave him an unique comprehension of the medical problems of the University and made him the logical successor to Dr. Ophuls in the Dean's Office.

His life was utterly devoted to the welfare of the Medical School and Hospital, and whenever their interests were concerned no sacrifice was too great. Not until shortly before his death did his colleagues learn that for some years his university salary had been used in the work of his division; and his continual refusal to accept any increase in salary on assuming the duties of the Dean's Office was merely the necessary consequence of his instinctive desire to be of service.

His warm interest in human problems and human frailties and his common-sense understanding of motives suited him most singularly to the practice of his specialty. In a field in which alluring theories appear in rapid succession and find wide acceptance, he pursued an even course of sane eclecticism, holding fast to that which is good. His work was always a real joy to him. His innate ability to see the whimsical aspect of even the most perplexing situation lent a characteristic touch of lightness to his words which was occasionally misjudged by those who did not know him; yet it was just this quality which enabled him, in spite of the constant handicap of semi-invalidism, to carry the burdens of his many-sided work with such enviable ease and serenity.

It will be our privilege to remember in him, as clinician, teacher, investigator, and executive, one who exemplified the best traditions of his profession.

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