

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### WILLIAM HERRICK NORTHWAY (1903 - 1960)

After nearly four decades of association with Stanford and devotion to the University, Professor William Herrick Northway died December 23, 1960, at the age of fifty-seven.

Born in upstate New York, he came with his parents to Hughson, California, in 1913. From the San Joaquin Valley, he entered Stanford University in 1922; he received his A.B. degree here in 1926 and the M.D. degree from this School of Medicine in 1930. He served as an intern and as a surgical resident at Stanford University Hospitals in San Francisco, and then became an Instructor in the late Professor Storey's Department of Physical Education and Hygiene.

Doctor Northway, beginning to devote his life to the rehabilitation of the ill or injured long before this field became generally recognized, acted as assistant physician to Stanford athletic teams before he joined the School of Medicine faculty in 1937 as Assistant Professor of Medicine in charge of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1947, to Professor of Medicine in 1952. Serving continuously as Chief of the Division of Physical Medicine, Doctor Northway wrote a number of papers and became widely known in his chosen field. He played a large part in planning the excellent rehabilitation facilities at the new Medical Center, and of course directed this area when the Center opened.

In addition to his teaching, research and service activities in physical medicine, Professor Northway was called upon during the War to supervise teaching and organization in the general medical outpatient department and served in this capacity from 1942 to 1947, when he became Assistant Dean to Doctor Loren Chandler until 1953. He was also Acting Physician-Superintendent of Stanford University Hospitals in 1952-53. For many years he was active in and a director of the curriculum for physical therapists.

Doctor Northway was a member of Beta Xi medical fraternity, Santa Clara County Medical Society, California and American Medical Associations, and both the Academy and the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He was a charter member of the specialty American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He was a member of the Governing Board of the Palo Alto Hospital and of the Dean's Committee for the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital, and was Consultant in Physical Medicine to the California State Vocational Rehabilitation Service, Crystal Springs Rehabilitation Home, and the Veterans Administration Hospitals in both San Francisco and Palo Alto. Doctor Northway served on the Medical and Scientific Committee of the Northern California Chapter of the Arthritic and Rheumatism Foundation, on the Professional Advisory Committee of the California State Department of Education's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Physical Medicine. In 1956 he received the Presidential Award of the International Congress of Poliomyelitis "in recognition of your contributions to mankind in the field of medicine and science."

Professor Northway was respected by students and colleagues, loved by those with whom he worked daily, and revered by patients whom he helped so long and so tenderly. Faculty friends honored him with a surprise luncheon on his fiftieth birthday, April 23, 1953. He had great devotion to his work with victims of crippling disorders, especially poliomyelitis, to the highest standards of integrity, to Stanford University, and to his beloved family.

He leaves his wife, Rebecca Ahl Northway, R.N., Stanford '30; his sons, William H. Northway, Jr., Stanford, A.B. '54, M.D. '57; J. D. Northway, Stanford A.B. '57, M.D. '59; and John Northway, Stanford '62; his sister, Catherine Northway (Mrs. Roy) Avilla, R.N., Stanford '37, and his brothers, Harry Northway and Frederick J. Northway, Stanford A.B. '30, M.D. '37. To this University family, the entire Stanford family extends its condolence and attempts to express its sorrowful recognition of a great loss to all of us.

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