

Editorial

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Those who lived through the first fifty years of the Henry Ford Hospital, or even only portions, suddenly were brought to a realization of that privilege on October 15th and 16th. The evidences of a successful and ever growing accomplishment were then gathered in a moment of obvious and gripping significance.

Over two hundred staff members returned to participate in the two day program of scientific presentations. The presence of their wives in the entertainment planned for them, and especially their gracing the well attended banquet, signifies a feeling of affection for the place of their earlier life and training, an affection usually reserved for an Alma Mater. Nurses from the Henry Ford Nurses' Training School celebrated a 25th reunion simultaneously. The Henry Ford Hospital welcomed them all in a spirit of real pride and affection.

Next to the joy of a reunion with former associates in new associations, we would have them see the same quality and finesse as in their day, notwithstanding the greater structure and the increased inpatient and outpatient census. We trust they discovered that same care and love of the patients, that same inspiration for research even on much larger scale, that same giving of self to younger men in training.

Interesting indeed was the evident satisfaction with their chosen career in Medicine, and their enthusiasm over experiences in the areas in which special need for them had been found. Study and progress in special aptitudes seemed never to cease, and the result was more work, more study, more accomplishment and satisfaction.

This was the picture revealed repeatedly. This was the score of the years of devotion to this chosen field of activities. This was the significant insight into the quality of the deeper rewards in this life of devoted service to fellow man.

One man who would have enjoyed this Fiftieth Anniversary reunion with so many is Dr. Roy Donaldson McClure, Surgeon in Chief from March 1916 until his death in 1951. Surgeon of unusual skill and experience, he built this Hospital through its excellent surgery. He was an exacting teacher and exemplar in the training of young surgeons, and was known throughout the country for this as well as for the rich quality of his friendship. Because of his part in creating and building this organization and its standards of patient care, its program of education and research, this great structure has grown in size and service, fulfilling the early hopes of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford.

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