

### MEMORIAL FOR DONALD J. LYLE

On February 10, 1986, the Literary Club lost one of its most loyal and distinguished members with the passing of Donald J. Lyle. Ninety years of age at his death, Don had lived a rich and full life.

Medicine was a familial trait for the Lyles. His father, his sister and his brother were physicians. His brother, Herbert, was coroner of Hamilton County for many years.

Don's career as an ophthalmologist could only be characterized as brilliant. He was professor and director of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Cincinnati from 1947 to his retirement in 1965. He was author of a number of texts on neuro-ophthalmology, a field in which he was a recognized world leader. He was a regular lecturer for many years throughout the world at most of the prestigious eye academies and many of our universities.

He was director of the Ophthalmology Department at University, Children's, Dunham and Drake Hospitals, and an attending ophthalmologist at Good Samaritan and Christ Hospitals. He was past president of the Cincinnati Ophthalmological Society and a member of the boards of the Cincinnati Association for the Blind, the Cincinnati Eye Bank and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

He was an active and devoted member of The Literary Club and also of the Historical Society. He was a prolific writer of many fine papers. His areas of interest included the history of lamps, which resulted in his acquiring a famous collection of antique lamps which he presented to the Museum of Natural History and which is periodically on display. His paper on the subject "Let There Be Light" was one of the finest he presented at The Literary Club. He often wrote of historical aspects of places he visited in the world, especially England. He was a devoted anglophile. His Literary Club paper about the artist, William Hogarth, was especially memorable.

He was a renowned scientist, a devoted friend and a charming and gracious person. He brought vision, light and warmth to patients and to friends alike. The lamp of his contributions will continue to shine in our memories of him.

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