

## Obituary

sufficiently long to enable him to recruit. The immense concourse of medical men and people of all conditions who attended his funeral was a striking proof of the warm regard in which he was held by the medical profession of the district and by the numerous patients who had benefited by his skill. He leaves a widow and two sons, both of whom are grown to man's estate and occupying positions of responsibility.

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### GREENFIELD SLUDER, M.D., F.A.C.S.

THE news of the death of Dr Greenfield Sluder of St Louis, at the age of 63, was received with a genuine feeling of regret by his many friends in this country. For some months Dr Sluder's health had been considerably impaired as the result of septic poisoning which, in October last, necessitated amputation of one leg, an operation which was followed by fatal pneumonia.

Born in St Louis, he received his early training in his native city and graduated in medicine in 1888 at what was then the St Louis Medical College, but which is now the Washington University Medical School. After studying in Vienna he returned home, and a few years later gave his attention entirely to the subject of diseases of the nose and throat.

His reputation in the specialty, which one may justly characterise as world-wide, was gained by careful and concentrated study directed to the elucidation of certain types of headache and neuralgia of nasal origin, which he ascribed to irritation of the sphenopalatine ganglion and the nerve roots connected with it, due to disease in the neighbourhood; he also drew attention to the pain resulting from obstruction of the fronto-nasal duct—the so-called vacuum headache. Sluder's name has become associated with an operation for the enucleation of the tonsils by the guillotine and with a technique employed in the removal of nasal polypi. His monograph entitled "Nasal Neuralgia, Headaches and Eye Disorders," an amplification of his earlier work on the same subject, was recently reviewed at some length in this *Journal*.

As Clinical Professor and Director of the Department of Laryngology and Rhinology in the Washington University Medical School, he attracted a large number of men to his clinic for post-graduate instruction. Although his years of active and sustained application were approaching completion, his death leaves a distinct gap in the ranks of those engaged in the work of the specialty. Greenfield Sluder has bequeathed to his successors much useful, original work, and his perseverance in the field of research should serve as a fine example for others to follow.

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