

He took great pleasure in studying what Charles Reade called the "poor dear doctors" themselves (and incidentally some of their patients) as mirrored in literature, and more especially in that of his beloved France.

Others (friends and patients of this quiet, many-sided man), who knew him more intimately, could doubtless say much of him from their several points of view. It suffices here to say that to those of us, his professional brethren, who met him only occasionally on our daily rounds, he was a dignified, kindly man of the highest personal and professional ideals, wise in counsel, and a stimulating listener, who in any subject of conversation was willingly allowed to make the deciding judgment. One might apply to him the remarks he makes himself on one of his favourite characters in Zola, "the savant," Dr. Pascal Rougon: "He had a profound contempt for all that was mean or ignoble—the few who were admitted to his friendship loved him for his honesty and goodness of heart, and admired him for his devotion to work."

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THE death in New York on February 8th, 1920, from pneumonia after an illness of two days of Dr. Elmer E. Southard, of Cambridge, America, will be learned with much regret by readers of the Journal and members generally of the Medico-Psychological Association.

Dr. Southard was born in Boston on July 28th, 1876, and graduated in Arts at Harvard College in 1897, and at Harvard Medical School in 1902. After studying at Frankfort and Heidelberg he entered the City Hospital, Boston, as Interne and Assistant in Pathology in 1901, and three years later he became Instructor of Neuropathology at the Harvard Medical School. In 1906 he became Assistant Physician and Pathologist of the Danvers State Hospital, and in 1909 he was made Bullard Professor of Neuropathology at the Harvard Medical School and appointed Pathologist to the Massachusetts State Board of Insanity. Since 1912 he had been Director of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital. He was also Pathologist to the Massachusetts Commission on Mental Diseases. He was associate editor of the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases* and assistant editor of *Epilepsia*. In 1917 he was attached to George Washington University, and during the war was a major in the Chemical Warfare Service.

He collaborated in the production of a recent work on *Shell Shock and Neuropsychiatry*, and made many valuable contributions on neuropathology and mental hygiene to current American psychiatry, and his wide knowledge and influence as regards these and allied subjects were recognised both at home and abroad.

The respect and trust his countrymen reposed in him is shown by the fact that he was a member of the Board of Associated Charities of Boston and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He had been President of the Boston Society of Psychiatry and Neurology and President of the American Medico-Psychological Association.

He was stricken when fulfilling a series of important engagements before several medical bodies, and the day before had addressed the National Committee for Mental Hygiene at the Academy of Medicine, New York.

He was one of America's foremost amateur chess players and a member of St. Botolph and Boston Chess Clubs.

His loss was much mourned in America, and the memorial service held at Appleton Chapel, Cambridge, was attended by Harvard professors, students, members of the State Board of Health, and many others. He had reached the stage of maturity and greatest usefulness, and a brilliant future was before him. His great patterns were Prof. Royce and Prof. James, whose ideals were reflected in much that he did. An enthusiastic writer, with a cheerful and attractive personality, his whole thought was how best to serve humanity. It is for others now to continue in his footsteps, and his many friends and admirers, who owe so much to him, will see that his teachings are not lost to posterity but continued and amplified as if he were yet with them.

His helpmate in life was Dr. Mabel Fletcher Austin of Boston, whom he married in 1906.

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