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IN MEMORIUM ALEXIS F. HARTMANN

Vocabulary may be learned from books and dictionaries, but to learn grammar an adequate teacher is needed. In medicine, facts, principles and data, irrespective of their complexity, may be categorized as the *vocabulary*, and attitude as the *grammar*. Attitude covers deep and sincere interests, frankness and humane approach in relationships with the patient and his family - dedication that cannot easily be learned through books. Attitude must be taught not by word but by example.

Alexis F. Hartmann was a master of the medical vocabulary. He was an author; he discovered new words and used old ones with new meaning. But I must now turn back to the important chapter, the *grammar* and his teaching of it. Early in 1946, I had the good fortune to have him for a teacher. His devotion to his patients and students could be seen and felt instantaneously. It was inescapable.

One could see this in the extension of tender loving care in his own way to a tiny very sick child. You could see it in his honoring a modest student who may have come from a distant foreign country who he felt might have needed encouragement to utilize all of his potentials and feel at home. You could see it, again, when he ordered the admission of a colored polio child to the newly established polio ward, the first instance of integration of patients in St. Louis, at that time, not an easy decision to make.

I owe a great deal to my graduate training in the United States of America, but without having been exposed to Hartmann's teaching, I would have given less time to dreaming and even less in trying to realize the dream.

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ALEXIS F. HARTMANN

AFH was born in St. Louis on October 30, 1898, the son and grandson of doctors. His father, who took his young son with him on his rounds, practised in St. Louis for many years, and Alexis F. Hartmann spent his medical career working in St. Louis. He graduated from Washington University and received his M.S. and M.D. degrees there in 1921, the same year in which he won the Gill Prize in Pediatrics. He served his internship at the St. Louis Children's Hospital under Dr. W. McKim Marriott, Dr. Philip Jeans, Dr. J.V. Cooke, and Dr. Samuel Clausen. He had begun to work in the combined field of pediatrics and biochemistry while in medical school, and his work in these fields is reflected in his bibliography. It is, however, in honor of his role as a teacher that the Turkish Journal of Pediatrics would like to dedicate this edition.



Hacettepe Hospital has had the good fortune to have many of Dr. Hartmann's former students, who have continued their work in Turkey, and who have contributed to this volume.

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