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The sudden passing of our esteemed colleague, Edward Ray Strayer of Philadelphia, came as a shock to all who knew him, but was felt especially by those who have been intimately associated with him in the Eastern Section of our country.

There seem to be no words which will adequately describe the beautiful character that was exemplified by this outstanding man. The writer was privileged to be a very close friend of Ed for many years and throughout that long period of association, he beheld

a life that truly illustrated one absolutely governed by the teachings of our blessed Saviour. His family life, his church affiliation, his civic activities and his professional career, all demonstrated his complete devotion to service above self.

Visiting in his home was a precious event. Here was love and peace supreme. Outstanding was his devotion to his family, and his little grandson was his pride and joy. In his church, he held most responsible positions. The words of his pastor, at the funeral service, condensed themselves into a tribute that few can ever deserve. His interest in civic affairs was wide spread and in his professional life he was recognized as a contributing leader. He was loved by his little patients, he was sought as a teacher and he was deeply cherished as a loyal friend.

He bravely fought the inevitable end which came with tragic suddenness. It is difficult to realize that he has gone from us but the memory that we hold for him is one of deepest reverence and esteem. His character will ever be a stimulating and inspiring example to emulate and so his beautiful life will continue to be of uplifting influence to all who were honored by his friendship. Truly the gates of Heaven opened wide for Edward Ray Strayer.

Dr. Strayer was born in York, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools of that town and then engaged in the bookbinding and paper ruling trades for several years. Coincidentally, he studied music and just previous to World War I, came to Philadelphia to further his musical career under the guidance of Professor William Schro-dick. During the war he enlisted in the Navy and served in John Philip Sousa's Band at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Dr. Strayer graduated from the Dental School of Temple University in

1925. He became interested in orthodontics and received his basic training in this specialty as a student of Robert H. W. Strang. In 1933 he became instructor in Orthodontics at Temple University and subsequently was elected associate professor.

Dr. Strayer was past President of the Pennsylvania Association of Dental Surgeons; past President of the Pennsylvania Society of Dentistry for Children; and past President of Temple University Dental Alumni Society. He was a member of the American Association of Orthodontists; the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists; the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia, in which he was a Governing Member, and Chairman of the Eastern Component of that Society; the Charles H. Tweed Orthodontic Research Seminar; and the Strang-Tweed Study Group of New York. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

His activities outside of his profession were exceedingly numerous. He was President of Trustees of the Glenside Methodist Church; Associate Lay Leader, Philadelphia Conference; a member of the American Legion; a Director of the Betsy Ross Flag-House; a member of the Manufacturers' Golf and Country Club and the High Twelve Club of Philadelphia.

He served as Deputy Supreme President of Gamma Chapter, Xi Psi Phi; also a member of the board of directors of the Supreme Chapter and recently President of this Fraternity.

He was active in the Patriotic Order, Sons of America, and a Past State President. During his term as President he founded the George Washington Boys' Camp.

Dr. Strayer is survived by his wife, the former Sara Grube; a daughter, Jane Strayer Hess; a grandson,

Lawrence Edward Hess, 3rd; his mother, Mrs. Sophia R. Strayer, and a sister, Catherine E. Strayer.

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Southern California component, Edward H. Angle society

The Southern California component continues to hold regular monthly meetings in the fall, winter and spring, functioning as a study club. All members, regular and affiliate, are expected to make regular contributions to the proceedings of the society, and this requirement constitutes a condition of continued membership in the society.

Dr. Betty Selmer is serving as Program Chairman for the year 1951-52, and at the December meeting she presented Dr. Charles Tweed, who spoke on "Interception of Malocclusions". Dr. Tweed is combining, in his diagnosis and treatment planning, the method of measuring arch-length as advocated by Dr. Hays Nance, with his own well-known concepts of what should be attained in facial balance. At the December meeting he gave a step-wise account of how each of these procedures are followed out to attain the objectives which he holds to be the proper ones.

Northern California component, Edward H. Angle society

In the year 1950-51 the Northern California component held afternoon and evening meetings, with the afternoon sessions devoted to case analysis and treatment planning. Three chairmen were appointed for each meeting who lead a discussion group of approximately eight members. The chairman had the initial records of two or three cases from his own practice, and on the basis of these records participants of the group would write out a plan of treatment on forms provided for the

purpose. The various plans of treatment were then presented by their authors, and after some discussion, what was actually done for the case was outlined and described by the chairman, this time with the benefit of the final records. This method of conducting the afternoon sessions was sufficiently successful that different chairmen who presented this material were asked to present the same cases to the senior class at the University of California, Division of Orthodontics, and it is hoped that this procedure will be followed in the future.

For the season 1951-52 a new group of officers has attempted to put in effect the same procedure with a slightly different plan of attack. Members of the component will by turn, until every member has presented one or more cases, present the initial records of cases and obtain the same written plan of treatment as has been provided in the past. This year's procedure is different from last in that the cases will be presented before treatment has begun or shortly thereafter, and all of the plans of treatment on a particular case will be filed away and reviewed at the time the case is completed. The possibilities of this method are intriguing since at the time the records are first shown it is not yet known whether

or not the case will or will not be an outstanding success.

As in the previous year, a speaker is featured in a portion of the meeting which is held after dinner, and the meeting adjourns with a short business meeting.

Graduate study and fellowships Available at University of Minn.

Graduate study programs leading to the degree of Master of Science in Dentistry may be arranged with a major in Orthodontics, Oral Pathology, Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Periodontia, or Restorative Dentistry (Operative, Prosthetics, Pedodontia or Endodontia), and a minor in one of the fundamental health sciences. The courses in these areas vary in length from two to three years. An alternate program in the basic sciences, with special reference to dentistry, leads to the Ph.D. degree.

Fellowships and teaching assistantships are available for a limited number of graduate students. Stipends for these appointments range up to \$3600 per year. Persons interested in the graduate program may obtain an information bulletin and application form from the Dean of the Graduate School, Univ. of Minn., Minneapolis.