



In Memoriam

Frank A. Gough

The life of Frank A. Gough cannot help but be of interest and inspiration to those truly interested in the science of Orthodontia. Born June 28, 1872, in North East, Pennsylvania, he received his elementary and high school education in this small town situated in the very northwestern tip of Pennsylvania.

After taking and passing civil service examinations for the position of mail clerk he found he was too young for appointment. Dr. Magill, a dentist in Erie, Pennsylvania, interested this young man in Dentistry, very fortunately for that profession and its specialty, Orthodontia.

Following work at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Buffalo Frank Gough received the second diploma issued by the New York Dental School in the year 1896. He held license number four for the practice of Dentistry in the State of New York, but prior to practice in that state he had set up an office in North East. Only a few years later, about 1900, his interest in the possibilities for development in the field of Orthodontia led him to apply for the first course given by Dr. Angle in St. Louis, Missouri. Lloyd S. Lourie, Herbert A. Pullen and Richard Summa were also members of this class.

Dr. Gough did not return to North East following the course in St. Louis, but assisted Dr. Rachelle in Hornellsville, Pennsylvania, for a year, and then moved to Brooklyn, New York, where he practiced for several years as an assistant in a large dental office. He began his orthodontic practice there, treating cases in an office in his home. In 1905 he opened the first office for the exclusive practice of Orthodontia in Brooklyn. Here he served both his patients and his profession for over thirty years.

The rare qualities of executive ability, high moral purpose and a keen sense of social responsibility made him a leader in the professional, civic and fraternal organizations of which he was a member. In Dentistry these included the Second District Dental Society, which he served through committees and as secretary and president, the New York State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. In 1925 Dr. Gough was elected a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. Orthodontic Societies included The Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia, which he assisted in organizing and served as a member of its executive committee. *The Angle Orthodontist*

was developed during an era when other orthodontic journals were combining specialties and reducing their total page content. Because of the assistance and guidance of Dr. Gough, its business manager, this publication has grown steadily. For many years he was a member of the Eastern Association of Graduates of the Angle School of Orthodontia, which association he was instrumental in organizing.

In December 1917 Dr. Gough joined the Brooklyn Rotary Club, and it was in the many channels of this organization that his social and civic interests found expression. He served the local Brooklyn organization as treasurer, vice-president and, in 1926-1927, as president. In 1930 he was made governor of the Twenty-ninth District of Rotary, being the only man from Brooklyn to hold that office, and seven years later attended the International Convention of Rotary in Nice, France. The phases of Rotary work which interested him most were boys' work and an ideal so conspicuous by its absence at this time—international good will. His interest in underprivileged children was further evidenced by his activity in the founding of the Jeannie L. Grant Recreation Camp Association, upon whose board he served for many years, and to which both he and Mrs. Gough gave much of their time. Dr. Gough was also a member of the board of the New York State Crippled Children's Society and the New York Mausoleum Association.

At the time Dr. Gough lived in Glen Cove he took membership in Masonic Lodge 580 of which he was later Master. He was a 32nd degree Mason at the time of his death and had been active in ritualistic work in the Aurora Grata Consistory of Scottish Rite.

Dr. Gough married Miss Allie B. Ellsworth, whose energetic cooperation in his many activities contributed to the happiness of his busy, useful life. He had scarcely recovered from the shock and sorrow of her death in 1937 when he suffered a coronary thrombosis, which forced him to give up his active practice and most of his organization activities. While convalescing from this illness he returned to his boyhood home, North East, Pennsylvania, and here, on August 15, 1938, he died. One daughter, Dr. Helen Gough, continues to practice at 184 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn. Another daughter, Mrs. Charles Gough, lives in New York.

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