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Following several years of illness which incapacitated him from active practice, Dr. Guy Benjamin Steadman died on Monday, December 5, 1938 in Minneola, Florida.

Dr. Steadman was born in Anoka, Minnesota, where he attended public school. He later entered, and in 1904 graduated from, the Dental Department of the University of Minnesota. He immediately began the practice of Dentistry, which he continued until 1910, when he took a post graduate course in Orthodontia under Dr. Edward H. Angle in New London, Connecticut. Returning to St. Paul he limited his practice to this specialty, in which he was actively engaged until 1935, when ill health forced his retirement.

Dr. Steadman took an active part in dental and professional organizations; was president of the St. Paul District Dental Society in 1915, during which time, with the aid of Dr. Joe Shellman, he initiated Tooth Brush Week, which has since grown to national prominence. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the Minnesota State Dental Society, the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontia, and was a former member and first president of its Midwestern Component. He was a member of the Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity. Among his original contributions to dental science was the development of the wire ligature former.

Dr. Steadman's interests were not limited to his profession. He was a charter member of the St. Paul Athletic Club, a member of the Town and Country Club, Summitt Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was active in the affairs of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, upon whose vestry he served for twenty years.

Prominent among his interests was his love for music from which he found satisfaction in his student days, when he was solo violinist with the Glee Club. From 1911 to 1914 he played with the St. Paul Symphony Orchestra, and in 1915 he was concert master of the Municipal Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Steadman is survived by his widow, Edith R. Steadman, three sons, Dr. Sherwood R. of St. Paul, Guy Ellis and Arthur Lathrop, and a daughter, Mrs. Jane Louise Thomas, all of Anoka.

Frederick B. Noyes.