



Charles Lester Hartsock, M.D.

Fellow, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 1921-1924

Staff Member, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 1924—

Division of Medicine, 1924—

Head, Department of Internal Medicine, and Senior Consultant

Born April 9, 1896

Died March 2, 1961

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ON March 2, 1961, the Cleveland Clinic lost the oldest active member of the Staff. Dr. Charles L. Hartsock passed away in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital after a month's illness from acute coronary thrombosis with ensuing cardiac decompensation. At the time of his death, Doctor Hartsock was Senior Consultant in Internal Medicine, having served previously as Head of the Department of Internal Medicine. His term of service at the Clinic spanned a period of forty years, longer than that of any other member of the Staff. He came to the Clinic as its first Fellow in July, 1921, a few months after its opening. Three years later, on July 1, 1924, he was appointed to the Staff.

Born on April 9, 1896, in Centerville, Pennsylvania, he lived during his early years at Cumberland, Maryland, where he received his primary education. Following undergraduate studies at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, where he received his B.S. degree in 1916, he studied medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, graduating there with an M.D. degree in 1920. He served an internship at Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, in 1920 through 1921, before starting his Fellowship in Medicine at the Clinic on the service of Dr. John Phillips, one of the four Founders of the Clinic. Doctor Hartsock was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1937. His membership in many medical societies included the American College of Physicians, and the American Therapeutic Society — which he at one time served as vice-president.

Charlie Hartsock throughout his many years of practice was always the champion of sound clinical judgment; he emphasized particularly the importance of careful observation and interpretation of symptoms and signs. The welfare of the patient was always uppermost in his mind. He had a deep understanding of the psychology of those who are sick in mind and body. His special interests lay in the investigation and treatment of headache and diseases of the gastrointestinal system.

Doctor Hartsock had many interests aside from his profession. His avocation was floriculture, and he thoroughly enjoyed the cultivation of flowers both in his outdoor garden and his indoor orchid bed. During the period of architectural plan-

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ning for the physical expansion of the Clinic building, he devoted much time and thought to the interior arrangements of the building, particularly the Department of Radiology. After his retirement, which was to have occurred this spring, his plan was to remain active in the management of the Shaker Savings Association, of which he was senior vice-president and a director.

He was firm in his opinions, a friendly and kindly man, and devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife, Doris; a son, John Phillips Hartsock; a daughter, Mrs. Paula Hartsock Thomas; and four grandchildren.

Those of us who were privileged to enjoy his friendship for so many years and to benefit by his wise counsel in dealing with difficult professional problems at the Clinic will always hold him in special esteem.

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