

THE PRESS GANG

By Frank B. Linderman

(Read before State Press Association at Helena.)

We're under obligations
To the gang of printer men
From the time we leave the cradle,
Till we're in our graves, and then
By magnifying virtues,
And slighting what they know,
They blaze the trail for Heaven
And give the worst a show.

From alphabet and Mother Goose
To things the preachers say,
When we've quit the game to crumble
And go back to Mother Clay,
We're indebted for their teachings,
For when we stop to think,
All men know of Heaven
Is in type and printer's ink.

Not a creed (or superstition,
As the sects are ever prone,
To brand beliefs and dogmas
Of religions not their own)
But has come from gods to prophets;
From the prophets to the scribes;
Through the scribes unto the masses
Where its fate the horde decides.

Just as the veering compass-needle
Points the North unto the tar,
Giving choice of many courses,
So to men, the printers are.
And when into the hell-pot
Of the past their pencils fall,
And Father Time says Thirty,
Do you think they'll fear the call?

No—here's to them all, God bless them;
Here's wishing them all the good things;
Here's a bet that the harps up in Heaven
Will have printer's ink on their strings.

"I don't mind dying, but I hate like blazes to go from this infection. People may think that I was careless."

I. r. Ludwig Hektoen, head of the institute, said last night that Dr. Wilson had been a most thorough and patient investigator, and that undoubtedly his researches would have been of value to the medical fraternity had he been able to throw them into their final form. An attempt will be made to piece the notes together so that something of the contribution he was preparing to make may become known.

Little is known at the institute of how the infection took place, and if Dr. Wilson knew he failed to reveal the fact. It is supposed that he inhaled some of the bacilli while he was working over a culture in the laboratory of the institute more than three weeks ago. The first intimation Dr. Hektoen had of his unfortunate plight was when he received a telephone message from the Presbyterian Hospital acquainting him with the facts.

Dr. Wilson's preliminary equipment had been exceptionally thorough. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto and of Rush Medical College. He was about to receive the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Chicago. He already had passed the test in his major subject, physiology, and was preparing to submit to examination in pathology, which was his minor.

At his death he was acting as instructor in pathology in the Chicago Veterinary College and devoting his spare time to private research in the McCormick Institution, with which he had been connected in the capacity of "volunteer" investigator for about a year.

The cultures upon which he was working at the time of the accident were brought to Chicago from Milwaukee more than a year ago. Within a relatively short period three or four victims of glanders had died there and the matter excited some interest in medical circles throughout the middle West.

The disease, by reason of its extreme rarity, had attracted few investigators up to that time, and it was at once clear that a much more thorough study of its action on the human system must be made.

Dr. Wilson eagerly embraced the opportunity which was offered him at the McCormick Institute and served without remuneration. He was repeatedly warned of the perilous nature of the task he had set himself, notwithstanding the fact that he was probably as familiar with the action of the bacilli as any man in the institution. But his knowledge did not avail to save him.

Dr. Wilson was a native of Canada, having been born at Mitchell, Perth County, thirty-eight years ago. One of his brothers, Dr. G. E. Wilson of Toronto, is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, London. The decedent is survived by two sisters and two other brothers—Mrs. J. J. Brewster, 1,398 North avenue; Miss Annie Wilson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Dr. J. L. Wilson, Zurich, Canada, and John A. Wilson, Earl Grey, Canada.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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PHYSICIAN DIES FROM GLANDERS

Dr. Thomas M. Wilson, 465 West Monroe street, died early yesterday morning at the Presbyterian Hospital, a victim of his unrestrained zeal for scientific research. Like so many of his colleagues in the medical profession, Dr. Wilson lost his own life in an attempt to stay the ravages of disease among his fellow men.

The disease to which he succumbed, after weeks of torture, was glanders, a malady which rarely attacks the human organism, but which is one of the most malignant and stubborn known to medical science. So uncommon is the disease, indeed, that the belief is general that horses alone are subject to it. He was attended by Dr. Arthur Bevan and Dr. Frank Billings.

For twelve months Dr. Wilson had devoted all of his leisure to experiments in the laboratories of the McCormick Memorial Institute in an attempt to produce a serum that would counteract the effects of the glanders bacilli. He had made much progress and was preparing to publish the results of his investigations when he suddenly found that his system had become impregnated with the cultures over which he had been working.

Familiar as he was with the deadly nature of the disease he must have known during the three weeks that he battled for life at the hospital that there was little hope. Yet the only regret he expressed was that death should come to him in a way which might be attributed by other members of his profession to carelessness.

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