

Clement Biddle Penrose Cobb

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The Department of Pediatrics of Cornell University Medical College and a host of personal friends, including patients and their parents, share with his family a great sense of loss in the untimely death on March 11, 1955 of Doctor Clement B. P. Cobb.

Doctor Cobb was born in 1900 in New York City, and received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1926. Following an internship at Presbyterian Hospital, he became a resident at Babies Hospital in 1929. From 1933 until the time of his death, Doctor Cobb was Assistant Attending Pediatrician at The New York Hospital, and also a member of the faculty of Cornell University Medical College, first as instructor and then, from 1944, as Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics. He also served at various times as an attending pediatrician at the New York Foundling Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital and Knickerbocker Hospital.

Doctor Cobb was certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in 1937, and was a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association and the Harvey Society. He was the author of several publications in the field of pediatrics.

He was beloved by his patients and their parents, who had great confidence in him and to whom he gave much of his time as an advisor and friend.

Doctor Cobb was a very sociable person. Possessed of a charming manner, he had the dignity, the poise and the graciousness that becomes a man of good breeding. He was loyal to his friends and enjoyed their company. He would go out of his way to have others share the company of interesting people with him, especially at such places as the Century Club, of which he was a member, and at the Medical Strollers, of which he was past president and a zealous member. He was always tolerant of the foibles and shortcomings of others, holding no grievances and having few prejudices.

His interests were varied. He enjoyed music, and in his younger days played the cello. He had a great enthusiasm for the outdoors. Duck hunting, trout fishing and surf casting were his favorite sports. He was a member of the Audubon Society, and bird watching in which he was interested for many years, was perhaps his keenest hobby. In fact, it was on a weekend of bird watching at Newburyport, Massachusetts that Doctor Cobb's fatal illness began.

His tall figure, his cheerful kindly manner, his wit and repartee, and his friendliness will be missed by patients and friends alike.

At The New York Hospital and Cornell University Medical College, his colleagues will remember, gratefully, his long and faithful service.

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