

Ralph Griffith Stillman

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Ralph Griffith Stillman, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Clinical Pathology), died on November 16, 1950 at the age of 68. He had been a member of the faculty of the Medical College for thirty-eight years. In 1912, Dr. Stillman was appointed Clinical Pathologist and from 1938 to 1948 he was in charge of the Central Laboratories, the organization and effective management of which were in a large measure due to his professional and administrative ability. As a teacher of clinical microscopy to the students of the Medical College, he was a potent influence in the inculcation of accurate observations and scientific method. He was active in the Associations of Clinical Microscopists and was at one time President of the Association of Blood Banks.

In 1917, Dr. Stillman joined the Medical Corps of the United States Army and during the next two years held successively the commissions of First Lieutenant, Captain and Major. Quiet in his demeanor, sparing of words and at times even reticent, he never sought popularity or honors. To those who knew him best, he was a delightful companion. By his fellow workers in the Central Laboratories and in the affairs of the Center his wisdom, equanimity, tolerance and kindness were revered. His loss will be felt by all who have studied at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

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