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DR. TATSUGUCHI MEETS DEATH ON ATTU

Through current newspapers we learn of the death, late in May, of Dr. Paul Nobuo Tatsuguchi, Class of '38, on Attu in the Aleutian Islands.

His blood-stained diary was found by an American Army chaplain. His story of the loss of Attu began on May 12. After describing the end of Japanese resistance to the American forces, on May 21 he wrote, "Nervousness of our commanding officer is severe and he said his last words to his officers. Tomorrow he will die. He gave all his articles away. Hasty chap, this fellow. Everyone who heard this became desperate and things became disorderly."



Paul Tatsuguchi

On May 27 the doctor estimated less than one thousand of the two thousand Japanese troops on Attu were still alive. Many companies were cut to two or three men. By May 28 food was growing scarce, hospitals were overcrowded, and the doctor himself was sick. When food remained for only two days, the doctor ate fried thistle and called it a delicacy. "It is the first time I have eaten something fresh in six months. It is a continuous case of suicide."

His diary shows that he was inducted into the Japanese Imperial Guard Jan. 13, '41.

From a farewell note to his wife and little ones we quote, "Today we assembled in front of headquarters. The last assault is to be carried out. All the patients in the hospital were made to commit suicide. Only thirty-three years of living and I am to die here. I have no regrets. I am grateful that I have kept the peace in my soul."

"Good-by, Taoko, my beloved wife who loved me to the last. Until we meet again, greet you God-speed. Misaka, who just became four years old, will grow up unhindered. I feel sorry for you, Tokkiko, born February of this year and gone without seeing your father. Well, be good. Good-by."

THE SCIENCE OF HEALING—TRUE AND FALSE

I was interested some time ago in reading a little work by Dr. Robert Wilson. He shows that while hydrotherapy had been employed by the ancients in the treatment of various diseases, the system of drugging was also in vogue. Referring to the Hindus, he says at an early date they were well abreast with the most advanced medical science of today, and that few realize the practical advance in Egyptian medical knowledge and skill as early as 3500 B.C. He refers to the priest doctor, I-em-hotep, a great physician, who was deified as the god of medicine. He wrote very definitely on medical subjects. At that early date, materia medica was one of the chief studies of the physician. Opium, strychnin, and many others of our modern drugs were employed by them. Schools of medicine were established as early as 1570 B.C.

Moses, who "was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," evidently received his training in these schools. He was educated as a priest doctor.

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DR. SLATE CONNECTS WITH THE ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Dr. Herman I. Slate, Class of '34, is now associated with Dr. C. L. Fifer, chief surgeon, at the Alexandria Hospital, Alexandria, Va. He writes:

"While I was senior resident surgeon at Shreveport Charity Hospital, Shreveport, La., I had a large volume of surgery, much of which was of the more difficult type of cases. This completed about six years of surgery for me.

"A few days after I arrived here, Dr. Fifer sustained a back injury, which will prevent his working for a number of weeks. The large amount of hospital and office work usually done by him has thus fallen to my care.

"Mrs. Slate and I have been pleased to assist as we could in church and evangelistic services in Shreveport, as opportunity presented itself. It is reported that of all our churches in the Washington territory, the one here can most readily utilize some assistance. We anticipate a pleasant association with the church group at this place."

MAJOR ANDREN'S APPRECIATION

Maj. Henry E. Andren, M.C., Class of '37, whose address is A.P.O. 860, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y., in writing Dr. William G. Wirth says:

"Through the varying experiences, through dangers 'from within and without,' the Lord has been near to me, and I know that the prayers of our friends at home have counted for much. I could have asked for nothing better, even in less stormy times, than the sort of work I have at hand. Seeing the cross-section of hundreds of lives, showing how their minds have gradually broken down, is an experience of untold value. It does leave sad impressions, though—seeing the meagre few who have come through 'clean.'

"Again I want you to know what a helpful, stabilizing influence you have wielded in my life, Elder Wirth. Certain early experiences have not been in vain, I'm sure, as it eventually amounted to a victory of Faith—even though the latter was immature and misguided for a time. To me it was a mechanism of identification, and not purposive stubbornness. But so did the pioneers feel their way, gropingly;—so I'm not ashamed, truly.

"Your fine article, 'What Can One Believe,' translated into Swedish, as published in the Swedish Signs of the Times, was a great inspiration. I gave it to our Swedish Consul here to read, and I know he enjoyed it. There are opportunities at every hand, just as you say, and I pray that I may be faithful in doing my tasks.

"The work here is strong and in favor of the people. Camp meeting was very inspiring—July 1 to 11—and a number of us in uniform attended on week ends.

"With the best and warmest greetings, I am, your brother in Him."

DOCTORS IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Beloved Brothers in the Service of Christ:

In every great crisis in world affairs among the nations, God has had His men of the hour. Of these

men it can be said they have "come to the kingdom for such a time." The greatest crisis in world affairs is now in the making. The present world conflagration could merge into or be closely followed by Armageddon. The generation that is to witness the end of all things earthly is now engaged in a global war. Satan knows that his time to deceive and destroy souls is very short and he has "come down having great wrath," and his coming has brought unprecedented woe to the "inhabitants of the earth." Rev. 12:12. "Satan delights in war; for it excites the worst passions of the soul, and then sweeps into eternity its victims steeped in vice and blood. It is his object to incite the nations to war against one another; for he can thus divert the minds of the people from the work of preparation to stand in the day of God." Great Controversy, p. 589. "It suits his Satanic majesty well to see slaughter and carnage upon the earth. He loves to see the poor soldiers mowed down like grass." Test. Vol. 1, p. 366.

Every thinking man must know by this time that Satan surely incited those who precipitated this war and that he delights to see thousands swept unprepared into eternity as a result. Surely he has come in upon the world "like a flood." But we have this promise that, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19. The focal point of Satan's work is always at that place where he can reap his greatest harvest: on the battlefield, at the first aid stations, in the hospitals, in the fox-holes, on the jungle trails, on the decks of ships, and at any other place where men fall mortally or near mortally wounded. He is there with his evil angels to complete the work of death if possible in every case.

By this time there are probably nearly 600 of our Christian doctors, your associates, in the military service, and by the providence of God your work among all the thousands of men in the armed forces is particularly centered upon the very ones upon whom Satan concentrates his greatest efforts. You deal directly with and seek to combat the evil, deadly results of his work.

We are not told in the Scripture in detail just how the Spirit of the Lord raises up a standard against this enemy when he comes in like a flood, but from that day when God used Job to combat Satan's claim to the earth and its inhabitants, God has used godly men to raise up a standard against him. This has been God's plan since the very fall of Adam. Therefore should it be thought a strange thing that God should now use you—graduates of our "College of Medical Evangelists," trained to save men physically and eternally, and by His providence no doubt thrust into the very center of Satan's greatest of destructive activities—to lift up the standard of the saving gospel truth against him? Truly may it not be said that each Christian doctor evangelist has "come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

God's providences have led you hitherto and may they continue to be over you now and ever. Because of the nature of your work you are, or may yet be, in the very center of the destruction of war, but you are not a part of that destruction for you do not participate in it. Your work is of a different nature. As the Christian is "in the world but not of the world," so you are in the destruction of war but not of that destruction. Your position is akin to that of the Master on earth. "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Luke 9:56.

When you defeat Satan by saving a life you may be saving a soul also because that man then still has an opportunity to find his Saviour. In this way and in each such case the Spirit of the Lord is using you to lift up "a standard" against the enemy.

Any consecrated service you render to the sick, wounded, and dying, and to prisoners is accepted

by the Saviour as done to Himself for He says, "I was sick and ye came unto Me." Should you cross no man's land overseas in the dead of night to reach some sick or wounded man with your ministry, the Saviour will watch over and protect you, and this is accepted in His eyes you may be sure. He also says, "I was in prison and ye visited Me." So your ministry to the sick and dying and to prisoners if you serve such, may be motivated by the highest spiritual ideals. In the midst of strife and turmoil of the most intense degree you may still have peace and the Saviour's abiding presence. Because you have a commission from the military authorities you have invested influence and delegated authority over men. This invested influence and authority give weight to your words be they of command or counsel.

You have also a much higher commission from a much higher authority, for this commission is from your heavenly Commander in Chief and it invests you with divine influence and authority, not only with men, but it gives you authority also over Satan on behalf of the men for whom you pray, and to whom you minister, and whom you would save. You are God's men of this hour in the world's history. God's people are holding you before the Throne of Grace in prayer. A crown of life awaits you. May you be faithful. Yours in the Master's service.

G. A. Roberts,
Medical Extension Secretary,
General Conference of S.D.A.

Science of Healing—True and False

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and was, therefore, familiar with all the drugs employed by the physician of those days, and yet, in his writings as found in the Bible, no mention is made of drugs. Stress is laid by him upon hygiene, upon sanitary science, upon isolation and quarantine in case of contagion, and especially upon the need of implicit obedience to the commandments of God, in order to insure health. Only once in his writings is mention made of a poisonous herb, but a curse was pronounced upon the user of it. Deut. 29:18. At a later period we read of King Asa, who had departed from the Lord, when afflicted, in his disease, "sought not the Lord, but to the physicians." The result was disastrous. 2 Chron. 16:12. This evidently referred to the class of physicians whose dependence was in drugs. Mark refers to the woman who had "suffered many things of many physicians" but "grew worse." This also applies to the physicians mentioned by Job as "physicians of no value." Job 13:4.

The Greeks received much of their knowledge of medicine from the Egyptians. Hippocrates, the father of medicine, was a very learned man. He evidently labored to bring about some reforms in the practice of medicine. The Hippocratic oath, to which his students had to subscribe reads: "I swear I will prescribe such medicines as may be best suited to the cases of my patients according to the best of my judgement: and no temptation shall ever induce me to administer poison." The Grecian physicians, we are told, became noted for the brazen manner in which "they extorted money from their unfortunate dependents." Pliny refers to such a state of affairs also among the physicians of Rome. Cato, in warning his son Marcus, referring to the physicians of his day, said: "They are a most iniquitous and intractable race. They have conspired among themselves to murder all barbarians with their medicines, a profession which they exercise for lucre. I forbid you to have anything to do with physicians." Public sentiment grew to such an extent that "medical practice", we are told, "was finally brought to a rude standstill in Rome, and the teachers and practitioners of medicine were expelled from the city."

Pliny, referring to this, said: "Medicine is the only one of the arts of Greece that, lucrative as it is, the Roman gravity has hitherto refused to cultivate."

Luke, the apostle, evidently received his training as a physician in the Grecian schools, yet in all of his writings not once is the use of drugs advocated. He calls attention to some of the simple remedial agencies employed by the Saviour, and records the marvelous results which followed their use. He tells of the miraculous healing of the impotent man; of the lunatic and epileptic child; of the man who was a cripple from birth. He tells of the healing of the woman who had spent all her living upon physicians and gradually grew worse, neither could be healed by any, but in regard to the use of drugs he has nothing to say.

True science and science falsely so-called have always stood arrayed one against the other. In the Garden of Eden the controversy began on earth. God said to Adam and Eve, "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Satan said, "Ye shall not surely die." He urged that the matter be demonstrated by experimentation. The immediate results seemed to vindicate Satan's prediction. Eve possibly felt an exhilaration she had not experienced before. At any rate she was persuaded that Satan was right and accordingly she ate and gave unto her husband and "he did eat." There was no visible or discernible evidence of death after partaking of the forbidden fruit. Sentence was not executed speedily, because "The plan of salvation had before been laid" when the council of peace was between Father and Son. The Son offered to suffer the penalty of man's sin. But "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." "He is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." "When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that are under the law." Stimulants, narcotics, and hypnotics, judging from their immediate effects seem beneficial and supply a need. They are deceivers. What applies to one applies to all. "Whosoever is deceived", by them "is not wise", the inspired Word tells us.

The word of God is man's only safe guide. With it he is safe in his scientific investigations. Without it he is in danger of arriving at wrong conclusions. Scientists today are just as much in danger of arriving at wrong conclusions by experimentation as was Eve when unguided by a "Thus saith the Lord."

The immediate feeling of strength and well-being experienced after taking narcotics, hypnotics or opiates, would naturally lead one unacquainted with their deceptive nature, to believe that they were beneficial.

Many a one, after having read the wonderful claims made in behalf of some drug or patent medicine, has been persuaded to try it, and after having experienced the feeling of well-being which follows is satisfied that it is beneficial, and then is ready to recommend it to his friends and relatives. This explains why it is so easy to obtain testimonials.

It is sometimes asserted that it does not matter in what a person exercises faith, that virtue and healing lies in faith itself. Time fully demonstrated that it did matter whether Eve believed God or believed a lie. No permanent good ever results from believing a lie. Faith in a lie may act as an artificial mental stimulus for a time, as did the eating of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. The only thing that can bring permanent benefit is a belief of the truth.

The virtue lies in truth. "The truth shall make you free."

(To be continued)

Daniel H. Kress, M.D.

MABEL WIRT-BUTKA was born in Saybrook, Ill., and early in life went to Battle Creek, Mich. Later the family moved to Oxford, Ind., where she completed the grammar grades. Her academic work was completed at Emmanuel Missionary College, and she received her degree of Doctor of Medicine from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1918. Following graduation and internship in the Los Angeles General Hospital, she joined the staff of the White Memorial Hospital. A term of service was spent in foreign mission work in the highlands of Bolivia, returning from South America via Germany and Central Europe in 1932. She practiced in Pomona, California, until the date of her death, and was also active in the church and church school during the entire eleven years of her stay there. In 1916 she was united in marriage to Dr. Hersel Eugene Butka, Class of '17, which union was blessed with two daughters, Lelia Aileen and Rozella Jean. Death was accidental due to monoxide poisoning on Aug. 22, 1943. Funeral services were held in the Pomona S.D.A. Church on Aug. 28, followed by interment in the Grand View Memorial Park near Glendale. Services were conducted by Elders Phillip Knox, R. W. Parmelee, and J. H. McEachern.

Word has been received that Dr. David Clithero, Class of '40, has been killed in action.

Co-Pilot Kemper Campbell, Jr., was killed in an airplane crash near Colorado Springs, Colo., on August 27. He was the son of Attorney and Mrs. Kemper Campbell of Los Angeles, both of whom teach Legal Medicine to our students in medicine.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Capt. G. R. Fattic, M.C., Class of '38, is now with the 69th Inf. Div., Camp Shelby, Miss.

Col. Ben E. Grant, M.C., Class of '20, now may be reached by addressing him 1636 S.E. 25th St., Portland, Oreg.

Dr. Gwendolyn Stewart, Class of '21, is now medical resident at the Orange County Hospital, Orange, Calif.

Capt. Rae N. Foster, M.C., Class of '36, who has been at Atlanta, Ga., is now with the Station Hospital, Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Capt. John D. Briggs, M.C., Class of '38, may now be reached by addressing him, 198th Ordnance Bn., Camp Roberts, Calif.

Pres. E. J. Anderson of the University of Redlands spoke at the chapel hour on Sept. 1. His topic was "The Pacific of Tomorrow."

Maj. Frederick C. Hopp, M.C., Class of '39, has been transferred from the 66th Med. Regt. to the 30th Med. Regt., Camp Berkeley, Tex.

1st Lt. Robert M. Andrews, M.C., Class of '42, may now be reached by addressing him, A.P.O. 253, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Dr. George A. Nelson, Class of '24, who has been located in Glendale, Calif., may now be addressed, Boulder Family Hospital, Boulder, Colo.

Dr. Earl E. Parker, Class of '43, who interned at the St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, Ind., is now at 810 East Sorin, South Bend 17, Ind.

Dr. E. Wilbur Wonderly, Class of '43, who interned at the Los Angeles County Hospital, may be reached at 2027 Pacific Blvd., Bakersfield, Calif.

Maj. Clement A. Tavares, M.C., Class of '38, of the Station Hospital, Arlington Staging Area, Arlington, Calif., visited friends at Loma Linda recently.

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O. R. STAINES, EDITOR

Dean K. J. Reynolds of La Sierra College spoke to the student body at the chapel hour on August 29.

Capt. William E. Westcott, M.C., Class of '27, is now with the 276th Station Hospital, Camp Carson, Colo.

Lt. Amos R. Henry, M.C., Class of '40, is on overseas duty and may be addressed, 1st Lt. Amos R. Henry, 0-381374 M.C., APO No. 4215, New York, N. Y.

Dr. Ora M. Barber, Woman's Medical College, Class of '08, who has been with the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif., is now at Route 1, Box 529, Escondido, Calif.

1st Lt. Howard F. Detwiler, Class of '41, who has been at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa., is now with the 47th General Hospital, Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, Calif.

Capt. Robert N. Brown, M.C., Class of '40, is now with the Los Angeles Armed Forces Induction Sta. No. 1, Pacific Electric Bldg., 6th and Main Sts., Los Angeles, Calif.

Maj. Harley Rupert, M.C., Class of '31, who has been with the Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colo., has been transferred to the 31st General Hospital, Camp Carson, Colo.

Dr. M. George Takeno, Class of '42, who has been with the Project Hospital, Hunt, Idaho, is now with the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Front St. and Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia 25, Pa.

A. G. Roth, director of the Haitain Mission, who has been visiting his son Lionel of the second year class in medicine, has occupied two chapel hours recently, telling of the work and experiences in his field.

Capt. Ezra E. Richards, M.C., Class of '35, may now be reached by addressing him, A.P.O. 730, care Postmaster, Seattle, Wash. His wife, Dr. Ernestine George-Richards, also of the Class of '35, is at Carmel, Calif., at present.

In our issue of Sept. 1 we told of Dr. William Glen Trambie, Class of '42, having accepted a surgical residency at the American Hospital of Chicago. We should have stated that he was working under Drs. Max and Philip Thorek.

Dr. Ernest M. Stanton, Class of '37, writes that he has been ordered to active duty in the U. S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant, on September 5. After six weeks' training at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa., he will be stationed at Tampa, Fla.

Capt. Richard D. Walters, M.C., Class of '40, whose address is now No. 0-381403, Co. B, 118th Med. Bn, APO 43, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., was reported in a recent Associated Press dispatch as being wounded in action. Mrs. Walter's address is Cottage 19, El Encanto Hotel and Garden Villas, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Capt. Delmar J. Brown, M.C., Class of '40, whom we reported as at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and from there was to be at Camp Berkeley, Texas, writes that these orders were revoked before going into effect and he is still at the Walter Reed General

Hospital, Washington, D.C. His home address is 605 Erie Ave., Takoma Park 12, D.C.

Dr. Mary B. Dale, Class of '23, who has been in school health work in Pasadena, Calif., is taking post-graduate work in the East. She will be away until July, '44. Her address is care Medical Women's Dormitory, 837-39 Howard Ave., New Haven, Conn.

Major George H. Johnson, M.C., Class of '37, writes from Fort Lawton, Wash., "I am enjoying my surgical work as Chief of the Surgical Division here. Our station is located close to Seattle, so that we receive a good variety of work. The Seattle Port of Embarkation also gives us an opportunity to see and care for many casualties coming from northern bases."

Lt. A. Winifred Ditto, School of Physical Therapy, Class of '42, writes, "I am enjoying my work here very much but will like it better when we have our own hospital with the doctors from the 47th General. I am to be head technician of the 47th General Hospital." Her address is Lt. A. Winifred Ditto, P.T.A., A.U.S., M758, Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, Calif.

Dr. Donald M. Crosiar, Class of '39, is now with the Edward T. Taylor Hospital, Ignacio, Colo. This is in connection with the Indian Field Service. He writes: "There are openings for doctors, especially women, or others not of draft age, in the Indian Service. Anyone interested should contact Dr. Ralph B. Snavely, Box 527, Albuquerque, N. Mex. I am very much enjoying my new location."

"Word has reached us through official channels that Dr. Hjalmar A. Erickson, [Class of '23], who served many years as medical missionary in Africa and the Far East but who at the time of the outbreak of the war was associated with the Government Medical Service in the Philippine Islands, is an internee in a military prison camp in the Philippine Islands. He reports that he is safe and well."—Review and Herald, Sept. 9, '43.

Dr. Laurence A. Senseman, Class of '37, who in connection with his practice at Saylesville, R. I., is also connected with the Fuller Memorial Sanitarium, South Attleboro, Mass., writes: "You will be interested to know that our sanitarium is now filled to capacity, and we have enjoyed good patronage for the past three years. Our institution is operating at a gain each year, and many improvements have been made. We are just putting in a new hydrotherapy department in the basement. This has been difficult under war conditions, with a shortage of both labor and materials, but we have been given a priority."

BORN

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Carl E. Willers, Jeffrey Ben, on July 13. Lt. Willers, M.C., Class of '41, is now stationed at the 7th AAFPTD, an Air Forces Primary Training School, Oxnard, Calif. His address is Box 1149, Ojai, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eden M. Smith, Eden Lowell, on August 4. Mr. Smith is a second year medical student.

To Lt. and Mrs. Gordon H. Anderson, Linda Yvonne. Lt. Anderson is of the Class of '40 and is now in overseas duty. His address is, Lt. Gordon H. Anderson, M.C., W.S.N.R., Lion I Hospital, Echelon 4, Navy 140, care of Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco.

Dr. and Mrs. Elvin Wical announce the adoption of Elvin Andrew II on April 19. Dr. Wical, Class of '39, is with the Station Hospital, Camp Anza, Arlington, Calif.

AMATEUR HOUR—The Junior Woman's Auxiliary of the Alumni Association of C. M. E. will give an Amateur Hour Program in Paulson Hall, Los Angeles, at 8:00 P. M. on Oct. 9. \$50.00 in prizes will be given to contestants.